



# Branch Banter

MARCH 2017

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## Achieving Women From York County's Past

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

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

**PROGRAM:** James McClure, Editor of the *York Daily Record/York Sunday News*, will tell us the stories of some of the women who have made their marks on York County's history and culture.

McClure has been editor of the *York Daily Record/York Sunday News* since 2004. Before that, he was the managing editor of the *York Daily Record* for 15 years. He also has served as Atlantic Group Editor for the *USA Today Network* since 2016. He received the Pennsylvania Newspaper Foundation's John Fisher Internet Vision Award in 2010, the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association's Ben Franklin Award for Excellence in 2013, and numerous awards from York County community organizations. McClure headed *York Daily Record/Sunday News* journalism/history teams that received two PNA Foundation statewide awards for coverage of race/civil rights issues in York County. He authored or co-authored seven books on York County history. He writes daily posts in his York County journalism/history blog, [www.ydr.com/blog/yorktownsquare](http://www.ydr.com/blog/yorktownsquare)

Come and hear this interesting historian who has always championed the stories of women who have been influential in York's past.

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

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

## FROM THE PODIUM

I am sure that we are all looking forward to the arrival of spring. It will be a busy time for the York Branch as we get ready for the State Convention April 21-23 here in York. The theme is *Heritage: Diversity is Our Strength*.

Our Spring Market Faire will follow in May. Please support our scholarship fundraiser in whatever way you can.

Save the Date for Equal Pay Day on April 4. There will be a rally in the state capitol rotunda, followed by lunch and Lobby Day activities. More details about that will come later.

"Without women's groups knocking on doors, I wouldn't have gotten where I am. We need women to support each other. We still don't have equal pay." – *Sonia Sotomayor*

*Lois Conaway, York Branch Co-President*

## PENN STATE YORK-YORK BRANCH AAUW CO-MENTORING PROJECT

This is a reminder that our next event will be held on Tuesday, March 14, from 12-1:00 p.m. in the new student union area. Members are invited to attend to share life lessons with PSU students. This is a 'bring your own' lunch or snacks. Please join us in this informal setting to be inspired by our young friends.

*Kathleen DePorter, Chair*

### WRITE – READ – WRITE

The third grade students at Phineas Davis School provided lovely Valentine thank you letters to express their appreciation for the letters and books given by our members.

After the meeting there were 10 unclaimed letters. Hopefully we will be able to distribute them at our March meeting. If you donated a book to a student and did not receive a letter, then it is possible that the student has moved. However, be assured that the book you donated delighted a child. The teachers also very much appreciated the books given to be donated to the classroom libraries.

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

### SPRING MARKET FAIRE – MONDAY, MAY 1

The Spring Market Faire is held every two years to raise funds for our undergraduate and graduate scholarship programs as well as the AAUW Fund. With college costs rising, there is a greater need for scholarships than ever before. **Our undergraduate scholarship committee may receive as many as thirty applications!** We are hoping that 100% of our members will help make our major fundraising activity a success.

- ❖ Hostesses are still needed for 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.
- ❖ We still need a few "parking husbands" to help with traffic control. The morning shift is from 9 a.m. until noon, and the afternoon shift is from noon until 3 p.m. Contact Betty Hooker if you can help with this.
- ❖ Finally, you can still support the tour by becoming an Angel, a Patron, a Sponsor or Friend. Although it is too late to print your name on the ticket or in the recipe booklet, it is not too late to have your name printed in the *Banter* and to guarantee that you will have a ticket. Contact Jean Quickel for information.

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

### BOOK GROUP I

Wednesday, March 15 1:00 p.m. Home of/Regrets: Linda Collison  
Book: *Hero of the Empire* by Candace Millard.

## BOOK GROUP II

Monday, March 20 1:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant Regrets: Gayle Brass  
Book: *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey Leader: Nancie McCabe

## EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Books A Million Store Café Contact: Sue Zitnick  
March 21: *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard. President Garfield was shot by an unhappy office seeker which started a battle over his medical care, his administration and the future of our nation. A tale of intrigue and history.  
Book for April: *Rose Under Fire* by Elizabeth Wein.

## BRIDGE GROUP

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| Wednesday, March 1 | 12:15 p.m. | Hostess: Jan Misiolek   |
| Wednesday, April 5 | 12:15 p.m. | Hostess: Lois Kulp      |
| Wednesday, May 3   | 12:15 p.m. | Hostess: Carol Anderson |

New Bridge players and subs are welcome to join the group at any time. Lunch social begins at 12:15 p.m. and Bridge at 1:00 p.m. Call Lois Kulp for information.

## FEMMES DU JOUR – APRIL

Enjoy a Femmes Day Out on Thursday, April 6. Going by car to the Hershey Gardens and Butterfly House, lunch at the hotel, and outlet shopping. Approximately 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Costs: Gardens fee is \$11.50, lunch is on your own. Contact: Carol Anderson **by March 25**

## GAME NIGHT

The next Game Night will be Sunday, March 26, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Lois and Bill Kulp (Note: This is early because of the Easter holidays.)

Please let Lois know **a week before** if you can come, and find out what to bring for the potluck. For more information, contact Karen Julian.

## LUNCH A MONTH

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

## LUNCH A MONTH – APRIL

Join us on Thursday, April 27, for Lunch A Month at the Paddock, 3406 E. Market St., at 1:00 p.m. Please register with Barbara Bott **before April 25.**

## SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will be held at Margaret Kremer and Craig Martin's home on March 25. Please RSVP **by March 14.**

## GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP – APRIL 1 DEADLINE

We ask that you make contact with anyone you think might be interested in applying for the Branch \$3,000 graduate scholarship. Those eligible must be either a resident of York County, or a graduate of a York County high school, or a graduate of an accredited York County college or university. Information and application forms are on the Branch web-site. **Deadline: April 1.** (Note change of deadline date.)

*Carol Anderson, Graduate Scholarship Chair*

## PUBLIC POLICY PERSPECTIVES

Help AAUW fight back against threats to reproductive rights!

The 115th Congress has made clear that rolling back women's reproductive choice is one of their top priorities. AAUW members have made the protection of reproductive rights a policy principle since 1977. We won't let legislators turn back the clock on reproductive health!

AAUW supports the right of every woman to access safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services. Tell your members of Congress that, as a constituent, you stand with AAUW in opposing all efforts to restrict women's access to these critical health services!

The U.S. House and Senate have already undertaken several efforts to threaten women's health care access and autonomy, which means we must act quickly together. More harmful efforts are expected, including:

- Cutting funds to Planned Parenthood.

- Limiting abortion coverage for nearly all women.

- Enacting abortion bans that disregard the needs of women.

AAUW trusts that every woman has the ability to make her own informed choices regarding her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs. That's why we're asking members and supporters to speak out for reproductive choice as part of our "10 actions/100 days campaign." Tell your members of Congress we're watching and will hold them accountable; tell them to oppose these and any efforts to restrict women's access to reproductive health care.

[From *AAUW Action Network* 2/7/2017]

*Margaret Kremer*

## BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, at the home of Louise Pierce. Come at noon and bring a sandwich to socialize first.

## BANTER DEADLINE

**March 24** is the deadline for articles for the April *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.