



Branch Banter

MAY 2017

SPRING BANQUET

WHEN: Tuesday, May 9 5:30 p.m. Social time 6:00 p.m. Dinner

WHERE: Heritage Hills Golf Resort – 2700 Mt. Rose Avenue, York

PROGRAM: Join us for dinner, followed by “Laugh It Up!”: entertaining and amusing skits by the Belmont Theatre Readers’ Theatre Troupe. We will also celebrate our incoming and outgoing Board members, and have an opportunity to meet our scholarship winners.

The Readers’ Theatre Troupe was founded in 2013 by Judy Wolfman as an outgrowth of her classes in York City School District. As part of the Belmont Theatre (formerly York Little Theatre), they perform locally for schools, senior living communities, and other community organizations, using various materials from plays, skits, and old radio shows. So you might hear some old Bickersons, Burns and Allen, or Abbott and Costello, or scenes from one of your favorite plays.

If you have not yet sent in your reservation, please let Carol Little know by May 3, and send a check for \$30 (payable to York Branch AAUW) to her.

Linda Wolfe & Carol Little, Program Co-Vice Presidents

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!

PROGRAMS – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Have you heard a good speaker or seen a good program? Have you read an interesting article you’d like us to pursue? Is there a subject you’d like to hear more about? We need your suggestions. Give us your ideas, along with any contact information you might have, at the May banquet. You may also call either one of us.

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BANTER DEADLINE – SUMMER ISSUE

May 24 is the deadline for the June *Banter*. **Note: this is the last issue until September** – if you have any summer events that you want listed, please send them by the May deadline for inclusion in the June issue.

FROM THE PODIUM

It has been a busy spring for York Branch AAUW. Some of you may have participated at the State Convention here in York and/or prepared the conference bags. Perhaps as you are reading this, you have just headed out to our Spring Market Faire or are just catching up after the big day. A big thank you to everyone who has supported these events.

We will be celebrating the 45th anniversary of the York Branch at our annual Banquet on May 9. I hope to see you there. We can be proud of so many ways the York Branch has served the York Community and advanced the cause of women and girls here in York and nationally. Happy Anniversary, York Branch AAUW!

Lois Conaway, York Branch Co-President

REMEMBER TO VOTE AT AAUW.ORG

Remember to vote in the national AAUW elections before June 15 at www.aauw.org. All the information you need is in the Spring 2017 *Outlook* magazine with the pink knitted hat pictured on the front. Do it today!

SPRING MARKET FAIRE CORPORATE SPONSORS AND BENEFACTORS

As the *Branch Banter* goes to press, we are looking forward to the Spring Market Faire on Monday, May 1. It is the culmination of months of hard work, persistence, and creative problem solving. Branch members work together, as we raise funds for scholarships and the AAUW Fund. This month we recognize our Corporate Sponsors.

Corporate Sponsors

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

MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew! Please see the enclosed membership dues form in this issue!

Linda Palmer & Louise Pierce, Membership Co-Vice Presidents

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The work of this committee is anything but easy. This year was very much in that tradition. Choosing among the young women of achievement was daunting but Sarah Fuller has been embraced by us as not only one who has an impressive resume but also one who has tremendous potential for effecting change in the lives of many, especially women and children.

Sarah will be graduating from Elizabethtown College with a 4.0 average. Her degree is in Early Childhood & Special Education/International Studies. She will enter Columbia University in the fall to study International Education and Policy Development. We are very happy that Sarah will attend our May banquet. You will meet an admirable young woman whom our scholarship has enabled us to give a bit of financial help and the gift of encouragement. We think you will gain an appreciation of Sarah's ability, passion and goals from her essay:

During my undergraduate career, I have developed a passionate interest in equitable educational opportunities for all. My belief that educational institutions must protect human rights has turned my attention to the global community for opportunities beyond the parameters of my degree in early childhood and special education and international studies. I conducted field research in Italy on the development of inclusive education policy for children with disabilities, met with principals and teachers in China to discuss educational exclusion, and traveled to Northern Ireland to study educational integration and inclusion.

It is no secret that globally, millions of girls are denied access to education. According to UNESCO (2013), 31 million girls of primary school age do not attend school, and two thirds of illiterate individuals are female. I have seen this in my research but also firsthand during my internship with an NGO that works with vulnerable international populations, especially women and children with disabilities. I created culturally sensitive training materials for volunteers in Iraq, Uganda, and Moldova to prepare them in educating communities there about disability. The role of women was pivotal: as teachers, whom we trained to meet the needs of students with disabilities in inclusive ways; as mothers, to whom we provided information about their children's disabilities and skill training to allow them greater independence in providing for their children; and as neighbors, with whom we worked to create greater understanding and cooperation in the community.

Because they lack primary education, many women lack the skills needed to work, but the impact does not end there. A strong educational foundation for girls can improve child nutrition, decrease birth rates and child marriages, and help to close pay gaps between men and women. Education can hasten the development of a community, improve health and independence, and dispel misconceptions that potentiate discrimination against women in all sectors of life.

As I have taught, researched, and interned abroad, I have begun to truly appreciate the impact of cross-national idea sharing on international action. I have also seen, from multiple angles, the dire need for advocacy for educational policy that supports women and girls. I look forward to acquiring the theoretical and practical skills to accompany my passion for international education through my intended Master's in International Education. I will develop a thorough understanding of human educational rights and the role of international policies and programs in protecting them. As I analyze and compare education systems, policies, and curricula, I will continue to advocate for educational justice for historically marginalized populations, including girls and individuals with disabilities. I look forward to a future career with an international organization that works in protecting this vital human right.

Carol Anderson, Graduate Scholarship Chair

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Jessica Cable has been awarded our Undergraduate Scholarship. She is a student at York College of Pennsylvania majoring in Elementary Education/Special Education. In December, she is going to be taking a service learning trip to India through YCP. She plans to pursue a master's degree in Not for Profit Organizations after graduation. You can meet Jessica at our May 9 banquet.

Martha Fleischer, Undergraduate Scholarship Chair

BOOK GROUP I

Wednesday, May 17 1:00 p.m. Home of/Regrets: Paula Jensenius
Books: *Hero of the Empire* by Candace Millard & *Pearl that Broke its Shell* by Nadia Hashimi

BOOK GROUP II

Monday, May 15 1:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant Regrets: Gayle Brass
Book: *The Rainbow Comes and Goes* by Anderson Cooper & Gloria Vanderbilt
Leader: Jackie Hill

EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Books A Million Store Café Contact: Sue Zitnick
Book: *War Brides* by Helen Bryan. As WWII begins, 5 women end up in a little English village where they start out distrusting each other, but end up supporting and helping each other make it through the war.
Book for June: *The Ladies Room* by Carolyn Brown.

BRIDGE GROUP

Wednesday May 3	12:15 p.m.	Hostess: Carol Anderson
Wednesday June 7	12:15 p.m.	<i>Hostess needed</i>

Bridge players and subs are welcome to join the group at any time. Lunch social begins at 12:15 p.m. and the game at 1:00 p.m. The group will continue Bridge over the summer months. Call Lois Kulp for information or if you can host over the summer.

FEMMES DU JOUR – JUNE

The next Femmes Day Out will be Tuesday, June 6, for a trip by car to the Totem Pole Playhouse at Caledonia. The 2:00 p.m. show, *Driving Miss Daisy*, features Award Winning Actor Michael Learned. It is a realistic depiction of racial tensions, the passage of time, and the experience of aging.

The price of the tickets is \$35 and a check should be mailed to Ruthe Craley **by May 3** or call her with any questions. Additional details will follow. Please be sure to note the change in date.

GAME NIGHT – JUNE

Sunday, June 11, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Martha and Tom Fleischer

Please let Martha know **by early June** if you are planning to attend, and to find out what to bring to the potluck. Newcomers welcome. Contact Martha or Karen Julian for more information.

LUNCH A MONTH

The May Lunch-A-Month will be held on Thursday, May 18, at 1:00 p.m. at Wyndridge Farm, 885 South Pleasant Ave., Dallastown. Please register with Kay Roddy **by Wednesday, May 10**, if you plan to join us.

SUPPER CLUB – JUNE

Looking for a fun night out? Please join us at AAUW's Supper Club on Saturday, June 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Anne and Bill McFeely. New participants are always welcome. Each person brings an assigned part of the meal, with the hostess planning the overall menu. Please bring your own alcoholic beverage if desired. I will provide iced tea or lemonade. RSVP to Anne **by May 20**.

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.