



# Branch

# Banter

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SEPTEMBER 2017

## Henry “Box” Brown Found Freedom the Hard Way

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 12 7:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. Social Time Business meeting follows program

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

**PROGRAM:** Come and hear the story of one man’s 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 Wolfman, a delightful and personable speaker, 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.

Judy is a retired elementary teacher, and an author of 16 books, 9 children’s plays, and close to 300 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 (formerly York Little Theater) theaters. And you will remember her from our May banquet as a founder and performer in Belmont Theatre’s Reader’s Theatre Troupe, as they presented a delightful program for us. She’ll bring with her some copies of her books for sale to anyone interested.

*Carol Little, Program VP*

**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!**

### 2017-18 BUDGET – VOTE

The business meeting will include voting on the annual budget which has been approved by the Board. Before the meeting, please review both pages, included in this issue.

### USED BOOK SALE AT OCTOBER MEETING!

Due to a different format for the November Branch meeting, we will hold our Used Book Sale at the **October** Branch meeting. Collect books you have read and think other members would enjoy reading and are in good condition. Since this is short notice, **please bring your books to the York Alliance Church on Tuesday, October 10 between 3 and 4 p.m.** If you cannot make it, ask a friend to bring them. If all else fails, call Sue Zitnick for pick up. I am moving right around that time (but only 5 miles) so hauling books won’t be a priority!

## FROM THE PODIUM

Where has the summer gone? It is hard to believe that we are now in September and our Branch Program Year is off and running. In June, eleven members and friends traveled under the Femmes Du Jour umbrella to the Totem Pole Playhouse to see *Driving Miss Daisy* and then out to dinner. In August, nine members and friends visited Lake Tobias Safari Park and had lunch in Millersburg at the Wooden Nickel.

Betty Hooker and I were joined by Laura Garmendia at the AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C., June 14-17. The best event was Lobby Day when 700+ AAUW members, including 20+ Pennsylvanians, stormed the halls of the congressional office buildings to advocate on the issues of Women and Student Debt, and Title IX Compliance. Another notable highlight was having Associate Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor as the main speaker at the Closing Banquet.

See everybody at the Branch Meeting! Take care!

*Carol Heintzelman, York Branch President*

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! to new members Diane Callihan and Rebecca Countess. They, along with new addresses for Arlene Dech, Carol Little, and Sue Zitnick, are listed in the new *Yearbook*.

*Flo Kachurak & Kay Roddy, Membership Co-Vice Presidents*

## YEARBOOKS

The *2017-18 Yearbooks* will be distributed at the September meeting by Flo Kachurak and Kay Roddy, Membership Co-VPs. After the October meeting, the remaining *Yearbooks* will be mailed. Please note that York zip codes are listed in the second line of the address. To save space, York zip codes, which begin "174," have only the last two digits listed. If you would like your entry changed for next year, please contact Betty Hooker.

## WRITE – READ – WRITE

It is time to sign up for the Write-Read-Write Program. A signup sheet will be available at the September 12 and October 10 meetings. Those who sponsor books will be matched to students from Phineas Davis School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms. Letters from the students will be provided at the November 14 meeting and given to participating members. Each participating member writes a response to the student, buys a book for him/her, wraps it in festive paper, with the **letter in the book**, and brings it to the December 12 Branch meeting. We will distribute the books to students during the week before the Christmas holiday break begins. You will receive a thank you letter in February 2018. We will accept names of members who want to be part of this project **until October 10 (No later!!!)**. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can sign up by contacting Suzanne Robertson or Jean Quickel.

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

## HOLIDAY GIFT SALES AT DECEMBER MEETING

Members who would like to offer items for sale at our December Branch meeting are welcome to do so. Please let Branch President Carol Heintzelman know if you are planning to participate. Please note that the Branch requests at least a 10% donation from your sales.

## **YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – OCTOBER**

Save the date: Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. both sessions, York College Performing Arts Center. If you can volunteer to help either a.m. or p.m. or all day, please contact Dianne Moore. For questions about this fun day that we help to support, please contact Martha Fleischer.

### **WEB SITE COORDINATOR NEEDED!**

I am resigning as web site coordinator for our branch as soon as we find a replacement. This job only requires an hour a month at the minimum and is a fun way to stay current with the activities of our Branch. I like to attend Board meetings but it is not required. It helps to feel comfortable with a computer and to be able to send pictures to the Association web site manager via email. Please read the job description below and let me know if you have any questions.

*Anne McFeely*

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

1. AAUW's Site-Resources manages our web site for us.
2. The local coordinator submits articles sent to her with instructions on where to place them on our web site.
3. Monthly, AAUW sends articles from which to choose if we want them on our web site.
4. The local coordinator updates our site submitting current pictures of new board members and info on new activities. Names and emails of new officers and list of programs for the year are obtained from our *Yearbook* editor. (The *Branch Banter* editor sends a copy of our newsletter to the site resources manager, edited to remove personal email/phone numbers).
5. This job can take as little or as much time as you desire. Minimum hours would be one hour a month, with two to three in the fall.

### **DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE MINUTES?**

Please let me know if you would like to receive a copy of the Board and Branch minutes. The minutes are not read at meetings, but are checked by Board members and then placed in the files. I am happy to email minutes to any interested member. Please contact Betty Hooker.

### **A BIG THANK YOU FROM SUE ZITNICK**

Thank you for all your cards, phone calls, prayers and encouragement while I was treated for cancer last winter and spring. I felt so much good support from you all that it definitely made the last 8 months much easier. I want you to know that I really appreciated all that you have done and it meant a lot to me. Best yet - my CT scan after the end of the treatments showed no sign of cancer so I am hoping it stays that way.

### **BOOK GROUP I**

Wednesday, September 20 1:00 p.m. Home of/Regrets: Karen Julian  
Book: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance  
Book for October: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

## BOOK GROUP II

Monday, September 18 1:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant Regrets: Gayle Brass  
The group will select books for 2017-2018.

## EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Books A Million Store Café Contact: Sue Zitnick  
September 19: *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris* by David McCullough. The remarkable story from 1830 to 1900 of the American artists, writers, and doctors who traveled to Paris, the intellectual, scientific, and artistic capital of the western world, fell in love with the city and its people, and changed America through what they learned.

## BRIDGE GROUP

Wednesday September 6	12:15 p.m.	Hostess: Carol Anderson
Wednesday October 4	12:15 p.m.	Hostess: Anne McFeely
Wednesday November 1	12:15 p.m.	Hostess: Gayle Brass
Wednesday December 6	*11:30 a.m.	Hostess: Jackie Hill [ <i>Blue Heron</i> ]*

Bridge players and subs are welcome to join the group at any time. Lunch social in the hostess's home begins at 12:15 p.m. and the game at 1:00 p.m. An option for the hostess this Fall will be lunch and bridge at a local restaurant. \*Jackie Hill will host at the Blue Heron in December. Please join us for a fun afternoon. Call Lois Kulp for information.

## FEMMES DU JOUR – OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 4: our trip will be to Lancaster where we will learn about Amish living and tour a farm and house (\$ 9.75) or an option is a 90-minute riding tour (van) of the countryside with a stop at an Amish business (\$22). Lunch will be at the funky 50's restaurant *D.J.'s Diner*, voted the "best burgers in PA," featuring a casual menu. Call Marion Bowman to reserve **by September 25**. Carpools will leave the Galleria at 9:30 a.m.

## LUNCH A MONTH

Lunch-a-Month will be Wednesday, September 20, at 1:00 p.m. at the Stone Grille & Taphouse in York. Please contact Linda Palmer **by September 15** if you would like to attend.

## SUPPER CLUB – OCTOBER

Our first Supper Club of the season will be held at the lovely country home of Margaret Kremer and Dr. Craig Martin, on Saturday October 28. Reservations to **by October 15**. We invite you to join us for a delightful and casual evening of fine food and great conversation. Both singles and couples are welcome.

A menu is planned, a dish is assigned to you, and expenses are shared. It is BYOB. Sometimes we dine at a special restaurant. Supper Club, formerly Gourmet, has been a highlight of the York AAUW Interest Groups since its founding 45 years ago.

## BANTER DEADLINE

**September 24** is the deadline for articles for the October *Banter*.

*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.