



Branch

Banter

MAY 2018

SPRING BANQUET – YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!

WHEN: Tuesday, May 8 5:30 p.m. Social Time 6:00 p.m. Dinner

WHERE: Out Door Country Club, 1157 Detwiler Drive, York 17404

PROGRAM: "Roots, Blues, Americana: It's All Folk to Me"

Karen Hostetter, vice-president of the Susquehanna Folk Music Society will tell us about SFMS's mission. With her will be Randy Heisley-Cato, an old-time, multi-instrumentalist and clogger who is transplanted from South Carolina. Randy will delight us with banjo and assorted rhythm instruments

From Karen:

"Music has played an important part of my life since I received my very first record player and little golden record of Davy Crockett. I earned a BA in Communications from York College of Pennsylvania, with minors in Art and Photography, all skills that I use today both in my role with Susquehanna Folk and in my position as Library Manager at Red Land Community Library."

Her presentation will highlight the music, dance, workshops, jams, special events of Susquehanna Folk Music Society, and the 2018 Susquehanna Folk Festival to be held on July 27 and 28 at Roundtop Mountain Resort, Lewisberry.

Bonus! She will be giving away 2 tickets to the festival to a lucky attendee at the banquet!

We will also celebrate our incoming and outgoing board members, honor special members' services, and have an opportunity to meet our scholarship winners.

If you have not yet sent in your reservation, please let Carol Little (870-6784) know **by May 2** and send a check for \$35 (payable to York Branch AAUW) to her. **Form is included in this issue.**

Carol Little & Rita Meisenhelder, 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!**

FROM THE PODIUM

Betty Hooker, Sue Zitnick and I traveled to Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Somerset County for the AAUW-PA Annual Meeting, April 13-15. There were 111 attendees from 23 Branches. It was a busy weekend. Friday evening, Kimberly Churches, CEO, AAUW spoke on *Changing the Conversation and Moving Forward*. Saturday began with the concurrent sessions including *Small Branches: Big Ideas*, *Tears We Cannot Stop*, and *Hate Crimes and Hate Prevention*. The Hon. Marjorie J. Fox, DA for Greene County, spoke on *Women in Local Politics* at the Opening Plenary. Later at lunch, California University of PA Campus Action Project students spoke on *Closing the Gender Wage Gap*. Afternoon concurrent sessions included *STEM Programs, Step by Step*, *Build Global Citizens: Great Decisions Program Fosters Local Discussions*, and *Reaching Out: Student Loan Solutions for College Students*. Other afternoon activities included the AAUW-PA Student Advisory Council on Intersectional Feminism as well as a National AAUW Topics Discussion.

Saturday evening awards for the York Branch included being recognized as #1 in total giving (\$11,852) and #1 in per capita giving (\$118.52). Barbara Gold was recognized as an AAUW-PA Special Honoree and Lois Conaway was recognized as an AAUW-PA Branch Outstanding Woman. The after-dinner speaker was Susan Frietsche from the Women's Law Project. Sunday's activities included the Closing Plenary on *Gerrymandering: Taking Away our Voice*, installation of officers, District Meetings, and ended with a Counterparts session. It was a weekend well spent as well as energizing for all participants.

Our slate of officers is still lacking: we need a Co-President to work with Carol Heintzelman. It is a 2-year position and not too difficult. Many of you have served in the past as president, as I have, as well as Carol, who was president in Lancaster before joining the York Branch. Most of the work is done by others – Program, Membership, Finance, Secretary, etc. Running the meetings as well as the Board meetings is the bulk of the responsibility. Please think about volunteering. We have a vibrant Branch – we do not want it to disappear. Thank you for considering. (Marion Bowman)

Carol Heintzelman, York Branch Co-President

BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet Monday, April 30, at Perkins Restaurant. **RSVP** to Carol or Marion to confirm lunch (12 noon) and/or meeting (12:30) attendance. All are welcome!

NEEDED – PROGRAM IDEAS FOR 2018-2019 YEAR!

Do you have an idea for a program that will inspire, educate or entertain? Share your idea with Joan Beekey or Suzy Hershey along with a brief description and a contact number and we will consider it for the 2018-19 Branch meeting programs. Thanks for your input.

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.

AAUW VOTING ON BYLAWS

From AAUW:

“The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW website](#), the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW’s mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET. We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.”

Please check out these bylaws proposals and vote your choices. You should have received an email with voting instructions and your PIN. Additional explanations can be found on the AAUW-PA website at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/>.

Sue Zitnick, Bylaws Chair

MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew! Please renew by MAY 8 to ensure that your name will be included in next year’s Yearbook. Find the membership dues form in this issue.

Flo Kachurak & Kay Roddy, Membership Co-Vice Presidents

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.

2018 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

We are pleased to announce this year’s recipient for our Branch award. **Paola Ramos Arroyo** is a graduate of William Penn HS, attends HACC York, and is an Early Childhood Elementary Education major. Working with a Community Youth Leader program, Paola mentors local youngsters now and aspires to become a teacher in York after completing her degree. We look forward to having Paola attend our May banquet meeting.

Martha Fleischer, Undergraduate Scholarship Chair, and the Committee

2018 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The Graduate Scholarship Committee again thanks the Branch for the honor of representing it in what is difficult but very rewarding work. Members Janice Cromer, Louise Scalet, Louise Pierce, Linda Collison, Gayle Brass, Kathy DePorter, and Rita Meisenhelder are delighted to introduce **Jazmin Nixon** as the 2018 recipient of the scholarship. Jazmin, a graduate of Dallastown High School and Penn State University, is pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration through Northwestern University's distance learning program. You will have opportunity to meet her at the May banquet which she will be attending with her fiancé.

Below we reprint portions of Jazmin's essay to the application question of how she plans to work to empower women so that you may get the fullest idea of why she has been chosen.

I have had the wonderful opportunity over the years to witness many positive changes in society from the DREAM Act to marriage equality that improve and insure human rights in our society. However, I have also witnessed the avoidance of change from our predominately male run state and federal governments regarding gender inequalities. Therefore, it is clear work still needs to be done.

Studying public policy is providing me with the skills, knowledge, and tools I need to advocate for women's issues and rights. It allows me and my fellow classmates to effectively communicate the importance of women's issues including equity pay, reproductive choice, equal and quality education, and paid maternal leave. Policy gives us the opportunity to make a difference by allowing women to continue to fight for the respect and rights we deserve as incredibly strong, invaluable members of society.

Women have consistently been underrepresented in the governmental system as policy makers. Therefore, for decades, policies that impact women and girls have been decided mainly by men. It is time for a change.

Human rights of minority groups have always been a passion of mine, and the well-being of women, children, and the LGBTQ+ community is something I take seriously. I plan to get involved in education policy to ensure that women and girls are getting the education they need as well as the career guidance they need to be successful no matter what they chose to do in life. Women are the future, and with my education, I will continue to work to empower women and girls and make sure that they have the opportunity to flourish in our society.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NEEDS INFORMATION

Keely Bluett, a high school senior, is doing a women's history project. She is interested in talking with women who will share "...their experience(s) with AAUW, their personal experience(s) in society regarding women's issues, and/or their overall perceptions and opinions. Each interview would be a one-on-one recorded encounter (with a signed release form)." Marion Bowman, Sue Zitnick, and Betty Hooker met with Keely several months ago when she was beginning her project. She is an interested and sympathetic listener, and she is related to member Bonnie Bluett. If anyone is interested in speaking with Keely, please contact her.

BOOK GROUP I

Wednesday, May 16 1:00 p.m. Home of/Regrets: Paula Jensenius
Book: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

BOOK GROUP II

Monday, May 21 1:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant Regrets: Gayle Brass
Book: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly Led by Barbara Keith

EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Books A Million Store Café Contact: Sue Zitnick

May 22 (**4th Tuesday**): *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore. In the otherwise dark years of the First World War, hundreds of girls work in the glowing radium dust of the radium-dial factories which lights up their bodies at night. These shining girls then find themselves embroiled in one of the biggest medical scandals of America's early 20th century, and in a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights.

Book for June: *The News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.

BRIDGE GROUP

Wednesday, May 2 11:30 p.m. lunch, followed by Bridge Location: Blue Heron Restaurant
Hostess and RSVP: Gayle Brass

FEMMES DU JOUR and LUNCH-A-MONTH JUNE 7

The Femmes and Lunch-A-Month Groups will be joining forces on Thursday, June 7, **at noon** for a picnic at Betty Hooker's home. We did this a couple of years ago, and it was a great end-of-the-year event with lots of good talk and delicious food. We will meet rain or shine. Sign-up to bring your favorite picnic specialty at the May meeting or you can call Betty. Guests are welcome. Betty will send directions to those on the sign-up sheet in late May.

GAME NIGHT – JUNE

Sunday, June 24, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Karen and Dick Julian
Contact Karen **by June 18** to let her know you can come and find out what to bring for the potluck.

LUNCH A MONTH – MAY

Please join us on Wednesday, May 23, at 1:00 p.m., at Eagles Nest on Mount Rose Avenue. If you plan to attend, please sign-up at the May Banquet, or let Donna Fulton know **by May 16**.

SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will be hosted at the home of Darryl and Carol Hartman on Saturday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP **by May 4**.

AAUW HARRISBURG – TRIP TO D.C.

AAUW Harrisburg is sponsoring a bus trip to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, June 3, to view the exhibit of Cezanne portraits. The cost is \$60, and reservations are due by May 3. For more information contact Barbara Warfel or Diane Shoop.

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.