



Branch

Banter

SEPTEMBER 2019

Mysteries of the Honeybee

WHEN: Tuesday, September 10 7:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Social Time Business meeting follows program

WHERE: York Alliance Church, 501 Rathton Road, York

PROGRAM: Tiffany Ayres, local area beekeeper, will speak on mysteries of the honeybees. In a PowerPoint presentation, she will discuss their uniqueness, their colonies, and the hazards and hardships leading to their declining numbers. In addition, she will let us know what our lives would be like without them and what we can do to assist in their survival. A brief question-and-answer session will follow her presentation. Tiffany manages two collections of beehives and sixteen colonies, mentors novice beekeepers, and is involved in the community outreach programs of the York County Beekeepers Association.

Suzy Hershey and Joan Beekey, Program Co-Vice Presidents

FROM THE PODIUM

Greetings to all members as we prepare for the new AAUW year! Let's celebrate our past accomplishments, and strive to meet the equity challenges women continue to face.

We have a talented Board of Directors working together for our York Branch members to be informed and useful through thoughtful programs, sound policies and worthwhile projects.

As the National and State AAUW organizations develop effective strategic plans and programs, a focus is on ways to close the gender pay gap. The 'Work Smart' program for free online salary negotiation training is one example.

Of course we have fun, too, with special interest groups and just being together with like-minded women. If you would like to be more involved, have a special area of interest or new idea, please let us know!

Martha Fleischer & Barbara Woodmansee, Co-Presidents

BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet on Tuesday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Martha Fleischer. Board meetings are open to all Branch members.

BUDGET – VOTE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The proposed budgets for fundraising and administrative accounts have been sent with this issue. Please look them over before the September meeting, at which time the membership will vote on them.

Phyllis Sword, Assistant Finance Officer [out-going]

DIAPER DRIVE AT SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – PARKING LOT

Many families struggle to find money to buy diapers for their babies and toddlers. Finding money to buy disposable underwear also may be an issue for incontinent adults who are faced with rising drug prices and limited incomes. Please bring a donation of adult disposable underwear or baby diapers or wipes to the September Branch meeting. Betty Hooker will be collecting them at her car in the parking lot prior to the meeting. The donations will go to Carol Hill-Evans' office for distribution.

MEMBERSHIP – WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! & SOMETHING NEW!

We are pleased to introduce the following five new members:

Sheila Jackson, Susan Long, Jennifer (Jenny) Sears, and Tess Trueheart, as well as Cassidy Camplese, our 2019 Graduate Scholarship winner (one-year complimentary membership). All are included in your new *Yearbook*.

NEW! Name tags on lanyards! Starting at the September meeting, there will be a new procedure to follow when you arrive and when you leave. When you enter, find your name tag in the usual box. Place it on a blue lanyard that will be in a basket beside the box. Enjoy the meeting, and then return the lanyard to the basket and your name tag to the box. This means that you will be putting the name tag on and then taking it off at each meeting. This is the only way we can prevent entanglement of the lanyards. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sandra Cooley & Nancy Spataro, Membership Co-Vice Presidents

2019-2020 YEARBOOKS

The *2019-2020 Yearbooks* with a bright green cover will be distributed at the September meeting. 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.

YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, October 15, is Young Women's Leadership Conference (YWLC) at York College for seventh grade girls from York County. Our Branch helps to support this fantastic event with an annual donation and volunteers. This year, it was decided to have only one session from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you are interested in helping to guide groups of students, please let me know, or contact coordinator Dianne Moore at dmoore2@wellspan.org. Please note that volunteers must be able to walk quickly on a rather steep hill with steps. Contact me if you would like to know more about this AAUW mission-based project. Thank you.

AAUW FUND

Founded in 1981, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in workplaces and higher education. The AAUW resources range from community outreach programs to the backing of major cases. Since 1981, LAF has provided millions of dollars to balance the scales of justice for people working toward gender equality through the legal system. In August, a judge in the U.S. District Court in Minnesota ruled that St. Cloud State University must maintain the women's tennis and skiing teams to create equity with the men's teams, and take other steps to provide female students with equitable athletic opportunities. AAUW was proud to support the students in their lawsuit.

To help raise funds for LAF, the York Branch will be selling the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends discount shopping passes that can be used on Wednesday, October 16. All \$5.00 of the purchase price will support LAF. The passes may be purchased at the September and October York Branch meetings. Donations also will be accepted at these meetings. Thank you for your continued support for the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Jane Long, AAUW Fund

USED BOOK SALE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

We will hold our Used Book Sale at the **November** Branch meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. Collect books you have read and think other members would enjoy reading and are in good condition. Please plan to bring your books to the York Alliance Church on Tuesday, November 12, between 3 and 4 p.m. so the books can be set up on tables. If you cannot make it, ask a friend to bring them. If all else fails, call Sue Zitnick for pick up. Thanks.

BRIDGE GROUP

WELCOME BRIDGE PLAYERS!

The Bridge Group begins a new season Wednesday, October 2, 11:30 a.m., at the home of Phyllis Sword.

Wednesday, November 6, 11:30 a.m., Bridge will be at the home of Carol Anderson.

There is no Bridge scheduled for September.

Branch members are invited to join the Bridge Group at any time. If you enjoy a friendly afternoon of Bridge, we welcome you to join us. We begin with a casual lunch before the game begins. The hostess decides whether to host in her home or at the Blue Heron Restaurant. For more information, call Lois Kulp.

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

3rd Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., Lyndon Diner

Contact: Linda Palmer

September 18: We will meet and choose books for the upcoming year. Please come with recommendations.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

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

September 17: *Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. After discovering oil on their land, the Osage Nations Indians began to be killed one by one. This is the story of one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

Book for October: *Tisha: the Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaska Wilderness* by Robert Specht

GAME NIGHT – OCTOBER

Sunday, October 27, at 5:00 p.m., at the home of Martha and Tom Fleischer.

Please contact Martha to let her know you can come and find out what to bring to the potluck.

For questions, contact Martha or Karen Julian

New players always welcome.

LUNCH A MONTH – SEPTEMBER

Lunch will be at the Conewago Inn, 3480 York Haven Rd., Manchester, on Tuesday, September 24, at 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP **by Monday, September 16**, to Kay Roddy, if you plan to attend. If you change your plans, please let Kay know before the date.

LUNCH A MONTH – OCTOBER

Lunch will be at the Roosevelt Tavern on Thursday, October 17, at 1:00 p.m. **RSVP by October 13** to Nancy Spataro.

Thanks for your courtesy - if you cannot attend a lunch as planned, please let the hostess know so she can inform the restaurant.

BANTER DEADLINE

September 24 is the deadline for the October *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.

Report on AAUW-PA Retreat – July 27, 2019 (by Betty Hooker)

National

Kim Churches became C.E.O. of AAUW in 2017 and under her leadership efforts have been made to put AAUW on a sustainable path financially.

1. The national organization was tapping into savings to maintain a large staff. Staff reductions have been made in order to assure that AAUW will be here in the future.
2. The 2017 biennial convention attracted fewer than 1,000 members and cost AAUW (I think) a million dollars to put on. Registration fees fell well-short of costs. Only about 1% of the membership attended, and it is impossible to justify the cost. Smaller gatherings will be held in future years, and electronic gatherings will replace national conventions.
3. The numerous AAUW funds have been aligned to AAUW's mission:
 - A. AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund – Allows AAUW to respond quickly as events dictate. Example is the “Me Too” Movement.
 - B. Education and Training – Examples: Fellowship Alumnae Initiatives, Fellowships and Grants, Public Policy, Research
 - C. Economic Security Fund – Examples: Start Smart, Work Smart, Work Smart Online, Legal Advocacy Fund
 - D. Leadership Fund – Examples: Campus Action Projects, Empower and NCCWSL
4. According to Ann Pehle, some of the funds' endowments are so large that they can go on forever, but they are restricted, so cannot be used to make sure that AAUW remains relevant in a changing society – or even remains!

AAUW-PA

AAUW Pennsylvania, our State organization, serves as a significant resource and powerful advocate in Pennsylvania to advance the four areas of AAUW's mission: Education and Training, Economic Security, Leadership, and Governance and Sustainability. In 2018-2020, AAUW-PA will:

- Spread the word about Work Smart online.
- Encourage passage of Equal Pay legislation in the General Assembly.
- Implement Work Smart Workshops across PA.
- Provide support to college students to attend NCCWSL.
- Participate with Fair Districts PA and Draw the Lines to develop fair voting districts in PA.
- Demonstrate support for public education in PA.

2020 AAUW-PA Convention – April 24-26, 2020

Central Hotel and Conference Center – Harrisburg

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.