



# Branch

# Banter

DECEMBER 2019

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## LEG UP FARM

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

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

**PROGRAM:** Jennifer Hitz, Chief Development Officer for Leg Up Farm, will discuss various facets of this nonprofit therapy center in Mt. Wolf for children with special needs. In addition to relating its history, current services, and future plans, she will show a video and offer heartwarming stories about some of the children benefitting from the center's work. As Chief Development Officer, she supervises personnel within her department and is responsible for grant writing, special events planning, United Way partnership efforts, seeking state tax credits and sponsorships, endowment growth, and developing individual donor relationships. Hitz earned a BS in Human Development and Family Studies at The Pennsylvania State University.

*Suzu Hershey & Joan Beekey, Program Co-Vice Presidents*

## FROM THE PODIUM

On November 6, Sue Zitnick, Betty Hooker, Martha, and I attended the AAUW-PA Central District meeting. We learned about non-partisan advocacy in a partisan world and what is happening with the redistricting reform legislation. Some of AAUW's successes were discussed, such as the very effective Work Smart workshops that reached over 100,000 women. Also highlighted was the AAUW member advocacy and support that was pivotal in the passage of the U.S. Paycheck Fairness Act by the House of Representatives in March 2019. Ann Pehle, AAUW-PA's president, gave an update about what is happening at the state level and emphasized the importance of members advocating for the Equal Pay Bill and other legislation that helps to achieve AAUW's goal of gender equity for women and girls. Ann Pehle will be our speaker at our February Branch meeting. You do not want to miss her presentation!

We came away from the meeting feeling proud of the work that AAUW is doing, encouraged by its leadership, and recognizing that all AAUW members have an important role to play in achieving AAUW's goals.

As we approach the holidays and the end of 2019, we wish everyone a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

*Barbara Woodmansee & Martha Fleischer, Co-Presidents*

## BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet on Tuesday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Martha Fleischer. Board meetings are open to all Branch members.

## WRITE – READ – WRITE

If you received a letter from a Phineas Davis 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, *please bring your wrapped book to the meeting on December 10*. Remember to have the student's name on the outside wrapping in addition to your letter that is placed inside the book. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send it with another member OR drop it off to Suzanne Robertson or Jean Quickel by December 7.

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

## USED BOOK SALE RESULTS

The Branch made \$200.00 from the Used Book Sale at the November Branch meeting! A big **Thank You** to all of you who donated books for the sale, who helped set up the books, who bought books during the sale, and then took bags of left over books to the donation boxes. Many members added extra dollars to their payments as a donation – another big thank you! The money goes toward a scholarship for a college age woman to go to AAUW's NCCWSL (National Collegiate Convention of Women Student Leaders) in June. Enjoy reading your new books!

*Sue Zitnick*

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE – JANUARY MEETING

Concerned about the issues affecting education today? An education committee is forming after the holidays to explore such topics as school vouchers, support of the public schools through property taxes, equity vs. equality, etc. We encourage all interested members to bring their concerns to our first meeting which will take place either Wednesday, January 29, or Thursday, January 30. To accommodate as many as possible, a sign-up sheet will be available at the December meeting with several choices of time and date. If you will not be at that meeting, call either Nancy Buckley or Betty Hooker.

*Nancy Buckley & Betty Hooker, Education Committee*

## MEMBERSHIP

Think about our meetings. Should we make a change? Would any change result in increased attendance at our meetings? Would a change make it easier to obtain new members? Would a change cause us to lose members?

In order to answer these questions, the Membership Co-Vice Presidents have developed a survey. We want to know if the day, time, venue, and programs of our meetings still meet the needs of the majority of the York Branch's members. Please give some thought to these questions. A survey will be sent to you after the holidays and we would greatly appreciate hearing what each of you thinks about possible changes.

*Sandy Cooley & Nancy Spataro, Membership Co-Vice Presidents*

## BRANCH AWARDS

York Branch is given the opportunity to present three awards annually through the sponsorship of our state organization, AAUW-PA. The honorees are recognized in the *AAUW-PA Yearbook*, and members receive a certificate at the convention, which will be held in Harrisburg in 2020.

The **Gateway to Equity Award** is given to individuals or organizations that have shown by action and philosophy that they advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, or research.

**Member Making a Difference Award** (formerly **Branch Spotlight Award** and **Teal Award**) is given to a member who has made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year. This person need not be an officer or a committee chair.

### Outstanding Woman Award

- She has provided meritorious service to the branch and the community over multiple years.
- She may not be the current president.
- The state allows two nominees.

Check our *Yearbook* for past honorees. Please submit your nominations **in writing by January 15**, and give examples of the person's accomplishments.

You may send an email or a note via mail to Lois Conaway. Thank you for your suggestions. A committee of past recipients will select the 2020 honorees.

*Lois Conaway, Awards Chair*

## PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW at the national level has a number of tool kits that can help you function more effectively as an advocate regarding issues the organization supports at this level. These include: 1) *The Gender Pay Gap by State: an Interactive Map*; 2) *Members Mobilized Social Media Tool*; 3) *'Get Paid What You're Worth' – Member Resources for Engagement with the Strategic Plan*; 4) *Program in a Box: 'Deeper in Debt' Program Guide*; 5) *Fundraising Policies: What AAUW Members Need to Know*; 6) *AAUW Student Leader Fundraising Guide*; 7) *State Policy Sex Trafficking Tool Kit*; 8) *AAUW Affiliate Compliance Checklist*; and 9) *Sample Social Media for AAUW Salary Negotiation Workshops*. Undergirding all of the above is *the AAUW Board of Directors Policy Book*. For more information on any of the above resources, go to: Public Policy AAUW and then click on Tools and Resources: AAUW.

*Carol Heintzleman, Public Policy Chair*

## DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., Lyndon Diner

Contact: Linda Palmer

December 18: *Tapestry of Fortunes* by Elizabeth Berg    Led by Linda Palmer

## EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Books A Million Store Café Contact: Sue Zitnick  
December 17: *The Little French Bistro* by Nina George. This is a tale of second chances and a delightful embrace of the joys of life in France.

Book for January: *Ginny Moon* by Benjamin Ludwig.

## BRIDGE GROUP

Gayle Brass will be hosting Bridge in her home on Wednesday, December 4, at 11:30 a.m. A 'sandwich social' precedes the game.  
Janet Misiolek will be hosting January 8, place to be determined.  
New Bridge players and subs are welcome to join at any time. For information, please call Lois Kulp.

## GAME NIGHT

Sunday, December 15, 5:00 p.m., at the home of Anne McFeely.  
Please contact Anne **by December 7** to let her know you can attend and find out what to bring to the potluck.

## LUNCH A MONTH – JANUARY

Lunch will be at Victor's Restaurant, 554 S. Ogontz St., on Tuesday, January 28, at 1:00 p.m.  
Please **RSVP by Thursday, January 23** to Donna Fulton if you plan to attend. If you change your plans, let Donna know before the date.

*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

**\*\*December 17\*\*** is the deadline for articles for the January *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.