



# Branch

# Banter

JANUARY 2020

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## WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER IN BROWN'S ORCHARDS & FARM MARKET STORY

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 14 7:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Social Time Business meeting follows program

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

**PROGRAM:** Mary Brown, President and Chief Operating Officer of Brown's Orchards & Farm Market, and Linda (Brown) Krupa, Food and Nutrition Consultant, are the featured speakers. In addition to providing a historical overview of Brown's, they will explain their current roles, challenges, successes, and hopes for the future. Mary, a native of Chicago, graduated from Loyola University with a degree in public accounting and received a law degree from what is now the University of Illinois Chicago John Marshall Law School. She worked as a trial attorney prior to beginning a career in insurance coverage. In 2018, she assumed her current role at Brown's. Linda is a York County native and received her BS degree in Dietetics at the Indiana University of PA. She completed a Dietetic Internship at the Medical College of Virginia and for more than 30 years has worked as a registered dietitian in variety of capacities.

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



**Inclement Weather? Check your email for a program cancellation.  
(Those not on email will be contacted by phone.)**



## FROM THE PODIUM

Celebrating 2020 is especially meaningful for us as we recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which (finally) gave women the right to vote in US elections. Let's help to 'Get Out the Vote' for all and promote this cornerstone of our democracy.

Of note, our 2019 Undergraduate Scholarship recipient, Mindy Gruzin, was recognized in a recent *York Dispatch* article for coordinating an Operation Holiday Shoebox event at Penn State York. Helping students like Mindy to attain college degrees is a prime example of our good AAUW mission-based work.

We also are looking forward to updated endeavors this year from our national AAUW leaders in DC. Their vital work will help local branches like ours be current and relevant in today's world.

*Martha Fleischer & Barbara Woodmansee, Co-Presidents*

## BOARD MEETING

The January Board meeting will be conducted virtually by emails. Barbara Woodmansee will lead by asking Board members to send agenda items to her around January 3 or 4. She will email the group on Tuesday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m., with the agenda and further instructions.

## MEMBERSHIP – SURVEY TO COME

The Membership Co-VPs and the Board are interested in knowing how you feel about our present meeting location, day, time, and program choices. You will be receiving an email that contains the *AAUW Survey of Meeting Preferences*. We would greatly appreciate if you would complete this short survey and either mail a printed copy to Sandra Cooley or email it to her **by January 31**.

If you have suggestions for future programs or ideas on how to increase membership, feel free to add those to the back of your mail-in or to your emailed version.

*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 had 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*

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE – JANUARY MEETING**

**First meeting: Wednesday, January 29, 10:00 a.m.**

Please join us as we:

- discuss concerns regarding education in our communities
- learn what is happening on the state and national levels
- decide what approach we can take to aid in resolving some of these issues

Our meetings will be held at Nancy Buckley's house on the last Wednesday of each month. For further information, please call Nancy or Betty.

*Nancy Buckley & Betty Hooker, Education Committee Co-Chairs*

## **MOTHER'S DAY GREETING CARD PROJECT**

Our Branch is once again celebrating Mother's Day with a fundraiser for our undergraduate and graduate scholarships, the Young Women's Leadership Conference, community projects, and AAUW Funds. You are invited to make your donations in honor of, or in memory of, your mother, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, friend, or some other special women in your life.

For a donation of \$25, you will receive a card featuring Anne McFeely's beautiful flowers and Lois Kulp's lovely script to send to your honoree. You and your honorees will be listed in the *Banter*. We were so pleased to raise over \$3000 with this project in Spring 2018. The cards will be ready for our April Branch meeting. If you have questions, please contact Rita Meisenhelder or Joan Beekey.

## **JUDY ORCUTT – THANK YOU & NEW ADDRESS**

Thank you to all who attended my 'surprise' party. The real surprise for me was that Laura Garmendia was there! It was the most delightful luncheon. The cake was beautiful, the food was good, but most of all, the company was the very best.

I will miss all of you and I will keep in touch via Facebook or email.

The very best Season's Greetings to all of you and I hope to see you in the New Year. I am sure this summer I will make a visit. Blessings to all of you. Judy

## **DAYTIME BOOK GROUP**

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

Contact: Linda Palmer

January 15: *Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See      Led by Karen Julian

## EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Books A Million Store Café Contact: Sue Zitnick  
January 21: *Ginny Moon* by Benjamin Ludwig. Ginny Moon is mostly your average teenager, but Ginny is autistic. Adjusting to life with her Forever Parents (in foster care, maybe adoption) is a struggle. This is life from the perspective of an autistic child and how she sees the world.  
Book for February: *Becoming* by Michele Obama

## BRIDGE GROUP

*Please note the new time change!*

The Bridge Group will meet Wednesday, January 8, at 11:00 a.m. at the Blue Heron Restaurant. We will begin the game promptly at 11:00 a.m., then break for lunch at noon and continue playing after lunch, giving players an earlier time to return home. Janet Misiolek will be hosting. A February 5 hostess is needed.

New players are welcome to join us at any time. For information, call Lois Kulp.

## GAME NIGHT - FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 16, 5:00 p.m., at the home of Karen and Dick Julian  
Contact Karen to let her know you can attend and find out what to bring to the potluck.  
Newcomers are welcome.

## 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.

## LUNCH A MONTH – FEBRUARY

Lunch will be at Marino's, 3595 E. Market St. on Thursday, February 27, at 1:00 p.m. Please **RSVP by Monday, February 24**, to Betty Hooker.

***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

**January 24** is the deadline for articles for the February *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.