



# Branch

# Banter

**FEBRUARY 2020**

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## **IT'S ALL ABOUT AAUW**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 11 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**PROGRAM:** Anne Pehle, AAUW Pennsylvania President, will explore AAUW at its local, state, and national levels, followed by a question-answer period. Pehle retired from a 33-year career in human resources in 2011, moved to Central Pennsylvania in 2013, and joined AAUW in 2015. Since then, she has served as Branch and State Public Policy Chairs and currently is president of Carlisle's AAUW Branch, in addition to her AAUW State position. Besides her passion for all things AAUW, she has an additional one: the University of Wisconsin Badgers. Please consider inviting your non-AAUW friends to the program.

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

**Bad weather? Check your email for a program cancellation. Non-email will be contacted by phone.**

## **FROM THE PODIUM**

Winter is here, but our Branch remains busy. We are looking forward to hearing from Ann Pehle, AAUW PA President, at our February meeting. The Board will be meeting with Ann prior to the Branch meeting so if there is anything you want us to address with her please let us know.

Winter is also the time for our Branch to develop a slate of officers for next year. The Nominating Committee has been working diligently to find candidates to fill the upcoming vacant Board positions. Currently we have candidates for the Finance Officer and the Assistant Finance Officer, but there is still a vacancy for one Program VP position. Please consider saying yes if you are contacted about that position. We cannot have interesting programs without the Program VPs. The Board will be here to support you.

In the spring we look forward to the AAUW Pennsylvania State Convention that will be held April 24-26 at the Central Hotel & Convention Center in Harrisburg. We are fortunate that the convention will be so close to us. The keynote speaker will be Rebecca Boggs Roberts, daughter of the late Cokie Roberts, an American journalist. Pennsylvania's First Lady, Frances Wolf, has also been invited to speak about the state of women's lives in Pennsylvania. The convention should be an energizing experience. We hope to see many of our members there. You can register at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/2020-state-convention/>

*Barbara Woodmansee & Martha Fleischer, Co-Presidents*

## **BOARD MEETING**

The Board will meet on Tuesday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Martha Fleischer. Board meetings are open to all Branch members.

### **MARION BOWMAN – IN MEMORY**

Long-time member, Marion Bowman passed away unexpectedly at her home on January 10, 2020. She will be greatly missed by her many friends in AAUW.

The York Branch selected Marion as its 2019 “Member Making a Difference” honoree because she was someone the Branch could count on to help when and where she was needed. Never did the branch select a worthier candidate.

Marion joined AAUW in 1978, and from the beginning she was willing to serve in a variety of positions including “Families Facing Change” Chair (1979-81), Education Foundation Chair (1984-85 and 1989-90), the Woman of the Year Committee (1994-95), the Scholarship Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Spring Market Faire Committee, the Evening Gourmet Chair and the Sunshine Chair (2010). Marion received York Branch’s Woman of the Year award in 1985.

Marion often worked behind the scenes to make our branch projects successful. As we were making plans for the 2019 Spring Market Faire, Marion told me that she didn’t want to attend **any** meetings, but she diligently recruited chefs and chaired the Bake Sale. In 2014, she singlehandedly sold a portion of Doris Cohen’s estate and used the proceeds to fund a one-time \$3,500 scholarship in Electrical Engineering at York College.

Marion served as Co-President with Martha Fleischer from 2005-2007, and in 2012 she fulfilled the position of Membership Co-Vice President with Joan Beekey. In 2018, she served a half-year term as Co-President with Carol Heintzelman.

According to Marion’s obituary, "a time of sharing memories with family and friends" will be held from 10-11:00 AM, Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Kuhner Associates Funeral Directors, Inc., 863 South George St., York. Please join in us as we gather to celebrate Marion’s life.

*Betty Hooker, Archives Chair*

### **WRITE – READ – WRITE**

Thank you letters from the third-grade students at Phineas Davis School will be available at the February Branch meeting. They were thrilled to receive your books and letters. We know you will enjoy hearing from the students. Your participation in the Write-Read-Write Program is very much appreciated.

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

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

In addition to being active on the national level, AAUW is active on the state level. The role of the state public policy chairs is to represent AAUW-PA in coalitions, manage statewide public policy initiating, and assist Branch Public Policy Chairs. State Public Policy Chairs split responsibilities; Jacqui Rogers is responsible for Administration and Barbara Price is responsible for Issues. AAUW-PA's public policy goals are to educate citizens about the impact of public policies on women and girls and to advocate for policies that will advance equity for women and girls. AAUW-PA endorses the national AAUW Public Policy Program. AAUW-PA supports good governance, an informed citizenry, and community dialogue on critical issues.

Biennial priorities are intended to complement national priorities and to be a focus on active educational and advocacy efforts by members in the state. 2018-2020 AAUW-PA priorities include: 1) to enable members and all citizens to participate fully in a representative democracy and self-governance; 2) to support a quality system of public education; 3) to improve the economic self-sufficiency of all women; and 4) to improve the operation and transparency of government. Coordination between the national and state levels is handled through *The State Legislative Request Intake Form*, which enables AAUW-PA Public Policies Chairs to get an opinion from AAUW staff on whether Pennsylvania's proposed legislation aligns with AAUW's public policy priorities.

*Carol Heintzleman, Public Policy Chair*

## **DAYTIME BOOK GROUP**

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

Contact: Linda Palmer

February 19: *Educated* by Tara Westover Led by May Kemp

## **EVENING BOOK GROUP**

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

February 18: *Becoming* by Michele Obama. Michele's award-winning book about her life. An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady.

Book for March: *The Pioneers* by David McCullough

## **BRIDGE GROUP**

The Bridge Group will meet Wednesday, February 5, at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Lois Kulp. We will break for lunch at noon.

A hostess is needed for March 4.

New players are always welcome. Call Lois Kulp if you will be playing.

## GAME NIGHT

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

## LUNCH A MONTH

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.

## LUNCH A MONTH – MARCH

Lunch will be at The Handsome Cab, on 'Restaurant Row' at 106 N. George St., York, on Wednesday, March 11, at 1:00 p.m. (Park on the street on in the Philadelphia Street garage. Carpooling suggested.) A creative menu featuring soups, salads, sandwiches, and interesting sharables. They will open the upstairs art gallery for us. Please **RSVP by March 4** to Carol Little.

***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

**February 22** is the deadline for articles for the March *Banter*.

## SUNSHINE

Cards were sent to Carol Anderson, Suzanne Robertson, Toni Schreiber, Linda Palmer, and Launa Groft.

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.

## *Mother's Day Card Fund Raiser*

In celebration of Mother's Day, May 10, we invite you to make a \$25 donation in honor of, or in memory of, your mother, sister, daughter, aunt, daughter-in-law or friends, to be used for York Branch's local graduate and undergraduate scholarships, the Young Women's Leadership Conference, Community Projects and AAUW Funds. Donations must be received by **April 27.** Please print copies of this form for additional donations.

You will receive a flowered card designed by Anne McFeely and scripted by Lois Kulp to mail to your honoree. If you prefer, we will fill out & mail it (them) for you.

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

OR:

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Her relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

OR: I would like to order \_\_\_ card(s) containing no message inside, I prefer to write my own.

\_\_\_ I will pick up the card(s) at the April 14th Branch meeting

OR: Have the committee mail the card to

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

*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.