



Branch

Banter

JUNE 2020

ALL JUNE IN-PERSON BRANCH ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED

FROM THE PODIUM

As we reflect upon 2019-2020, we want to highlight some of the accomplishments our Branch members achieved during the year.

The year began with the excitement of the upcoming celebration of the 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment and women's right to vote as well as the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. Because of that milestone our Get Out the Vote project had a special meaning this year. The "No-Excuse Mail-In Ballot" voting was extensively publicized within our Branch and in our community.

Our Branch welcomed five new members. We also enjoyed quality monthly programs. One Board and Branch meeting that was particularly significant was having Ann Pehle, AAUW PA President, join us.

We helped to promote AAUW's Work Smart and Start Smart Programs. Our publicity efforts were expanded through the formation of the Communications Committee to enhance our outreach to more social media outlets.

Of course, in March an unexpected challenge came our way through the coronavirus. The PA State convention was canceled. We had to cancel our in-person meetings and activities in April and May. Our Board met the challenge by conducting meetings through Zoom and email. Because of two very skilled Board members, we developed a way to vote for our new officers through email! We also installed our new officers through Zoom at our May 12 Branch meeting. We all learned how beneficial technology can be when we are isolated from our friends and families.

We will continue to keep you informed through emails and the Banter. We hope to add a summer newsletter to keep you as up to date as possible. Please keep in mind that until we meet in person, there are ways to remain involved. There are Fundraising and Branch Planning committees being formed. If interested, please contact Barbara Woodmansee or Rita Meisenhelder. There are also other opportunities through emails and webinars lead by AAUW PA and AAUW National. Please continue to check your emails!

We are proud that AAUW York and AAUW across the country have played a crucial role in improving the lives of women and girls. We look forward to a bright future for our York Branch even as we continue to face challenges. We have committed members and talented officers who will provide leadership for the upcoming years.

Take care and have a safe and healthy summer.

Barbara Woodmansee and Martha Fleischer, Co-Presidents

BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting for June 3 will be conducted virtually in Zoom. Barbara will lead, emailing the agenda a few days before and then conducting the meeting which **will begin at 10:00 a.m.**

A PERSONAL THANK YOU

As my first year as Co-President ends and as Martha Fleischer ends her term as Co-President, I want to thank Martha for her leadership and commitment to AAUW's mission. She has been an excellent partner. Her insight helped us make well informed decisions when we faced many challenges throughout the year. Thank you, Martha!

As my second year begins, I look forward to partnering with my new Co-President, Rita Meisenhelder. I have learned that a capable co-president helps to make the year run smoothly.

Barbara Woodmansee, Co-President, 2019-2021

MEMBERSHIP – ARTISTIC HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of someone who would be willing to help redesign our AAUW trifold and create a new postcard that would be used to introduce our AAUW chapter to potential members. This could be you, a family member, or friend who has some artistic talent and who is willing to use Vista Print, Gotprint.com or other printing company to produce these. Our goal is to have these marketing tools in time for our September meeting.

Please contact one of the Membership Co-VPs if you can help:

Sandra Cooley & Nancy Spataro, Membership Co-Vice Presidents

MEMBERSHIP – IT IS RENEWAL TIME!

Your current membership ends on June 30. This year, the only way to renew is to mail a check and the renewal form (in this *Banter*) to Sandra Cooley

Renew now to ensure you are included in the 2020-2021 Yearbook.

PUBLIC POLICY

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security (CARES) Act contains two provisions that pertain to higher education students. The first relates to student loan relief and includes: (1) temporary relief for federal student loan borrowers; (2) expanded ability for certain employers to repay student loans; and, (3) adjustment for teachers unable to complete their service obligation. The second, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, CARES Act, was created to provide assistance to eligible higher education students whose lives have been impacted by the disruption of campus operations during the spring semester due to the coronavirus, COVID-19. These funds are available to assist students with educational costs such as food, housing, course materials, technology expenses, health care, and childcare during these uncertain times. Check with your appropriate higher education institution for further information regarding these two provisions.

Carol Heintzelman, Public Policy Chair

ARLENE DECH – IN MEMORY

Long-time member, Arlene Dech, passed away on Sunday, April 26 after a long illness.

Arlene grew up in Maryland and Pennsylvania and graduated from East Stroudsburg State College in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in health education. After college, Arlene coached field hockey at Moravian College. Arlene was an avid golfer and participated in tournaments after college into the nineteen seventies.

Arlene and her husband, Bob, moved to Red Lion in 1972, and Arlene began a twenty-six year career at York College of Pennsylvania as a part-time instructor in the Physical Education Department.

Arlene joined York Branch in the mid nineteen seventies – probably in 1975. For many, many years, Arlene was involved with *The Branch Banter*, serving as editor and on the distribution committee. Members may remember assembling *The Banter* at Suburban Bowlerama, on South Queen St., where Arlene taught bowling. Arlene served in other positions during her forty-four year membership in AAUW including education chair, yearbook chair and scholarship chair. Arlene was the Membership Vice President from 1988-1990 and was chosen Woman of the Year in 1988.

Arlene was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1967, but she never let her disease cloud her outlook. She bravely fought MS by staying physically active and trying her best to maintain a normal life. Her courage, fortitude, and indomitable spirit in her life-long fight against multiple sclerosis is an inspiration to all of us.

Betty Hooker, Archives Chair

BANTER DEADLINE

August 24 is the deadline for articles for the September *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.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS FUNDRAISER

To celebrate May, beautiful Mother's Day cards were sold to York Branch members to raise funds for three types of organizations. Anne McFeely contributed two watercolor designs, and Lois Kulp wrote the script on the inside of the cards. Members made donations in honor, or in memory of, special women in their lives. The money will go toward our local graduate and undergraduate scholarships, the National AAUW Most Needs Funds, or the York Community. In addition to the sale of cards, we received additional donations from our members. As in the past, we have found this fundraiser to be a meaningful way to raise money for our favorite causes: scholarships and advocating for women and girls. Therefore, we raised \$2085. Expenses were \$154.22, so our profit was \$1930.78. Members designated \$1735 for scholarships, \$75 for National AAUW, and \$275 for the York Community. Thank you to all of our members for making this worthy cause a success!

Rita Meisenhelder & Joan Beekey, Mother's Day Cards Fundraiser Co-Chairs

AAUW MOTHER'S DAY CARD FUNDRAISER

Donor	Recipient	Relationship	Citation
Martha Fleischer	Beth Simpson	Daughter	Honor
	Dana Davis	Daughter	Honor
	Maureen Simpson	Daughter-in-law	Honor
	Melanie Fleischer	Step daughter	Honor
	Eleanor Fleischer	Mother-in-law	Honor
Donna Fulton	Marion Bowman	Friend	Memory
Joan Beekey	Beth Beekey	Daughter-in-law	Honor
	Susan Beekey	Daughter-in-law	Honor
	Viola Beekey	Mother-in-law	Memory
	Sara Ann Pfaffenroth	Sister-in-law	Memory
Anne McFeely	Vanetta McFeely	Mother-in-law	Memory
	Betty Kinderle	Aunt	Memory
Carol Heintzelman	Emma Heintzelman	Mother	Memory
	Faye Herman	Sister	Honor
	Mary Heintzelman	Sister-in-law	Honor
	Nicole Haines	Mother of Great Niece	Honor
Suzy Hershey	Elena Hershey	Daughter	Honor
	Maggie Hershey	Daughter	Honor
Carol Anderson	Helen L Blum	Mother	Memory
	Helen E Blum	Sister	Memory
	Alice A Aldan	Sister-in-law	Honor
	Lola R Anderson	Mother-in-law	Memory
Darla Stover	Marguerite Weister	Mother	Honor
	Wilma Henry	Grandmother	Memory
	Mabel Weister	Grandmother	Memory
Kay Roddy	Anne Roddy Cummings	Daughter	Honor
Marion Young	Mary Hughes	Sister-in-law	Honor
Jane L Long	Louise C Long	Mother	Memory
Barbara Woodmansee	Marie Filipczyk	Aunt	Honor
	Jennifer Woodmansee	Daughter-in-law	Honor
	Karen Woodmansee	Daughter-in-law	Honor
	Elizabeth Tamalis	Mother	Memory
	Agnes Urbanas	Aunt	Honor
	Suzanne Robinson	Michelle Wilhelm	Daughter
Janice Cromer	Elizabeth A Lehto	Sister	Honor
	Marjorie F Poorman	Sister	Honor
Rita Meisenhelder	Joan M Graff	Sister	Honor
	Carol M Lowe	Sister	Honor
	Helen M Groft	Sister	Honor
	Helen Harris	Aunt	Honor
	Ann Steliotes	Aunt	Honor
Cheri Stine	Abby Stine Book	Daughter	Honor
	Erin Dolan Stine	Daughter-in-law	Honor

Donor	Recipient	Relationship	Citation
Sue McMillin	Eleanor McMillen	Mother	Memory
Sue Zitnick	Mary Zitnick	Mother-in-law	Memory
	Eleanor Castleman	Mother	Honor
	Krista Zitnick	Daughter-in-law	Honor
	Karen Zitnick	Daughter	Honor
	Arlene Dech	Friend	Memory
Gayle V. Brass	Tracey Ahlin Oberdorf	Daughter	Honor
	Wendy Oberdorf	Daughter's sister-in-law	Honor
Phyllis Milland	Judie McCoyd	Niece	Honor
	Kathy Moyer	Sister-in-law	Memory
Betty Hooker	Alice Lambeau	Granddaughter	Honor
	Anna Virginia Jones	Granddaughter	Honor
	Sandra Manders	Friend	Honor
	Sue Zitnick	Friend	Honor
	Virginia Shumaker Veitch	Mother	Memory
	Margaret Shuman Gause	Mother-in-law	Memory
	Barbara Gold	Friend	Memory
	Diane Hain	Friend	Memory
Marguerite Bernstine	Ethel Binns	Mother	Honor
Peg McGeary	June Gochengaur	Friend	Honor
	Marilyn Redhair	Sister	Honor
Shirlee Smolin	Lori Smolin	Daughter	Honor
	Susie Levin	Sister-in-law	Honor
Louise Pierce	Meg Frantz	Daughter	Honor
	Susan Pierce	Daughter	Honor
Nancy Clingan	Dudie Clingan	Mother	Memory
Jean Quickel			
Lois Conaway			

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

3rd Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., Lyndon Diner
 Contact Linda Palmer for information.

We will not meet this summer, but hope to resume in September. We can choose books for the upcoming year at that time.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

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

The Evening Book Group meetings have been canceled for the summer. We have moved the books to September and October. Check your September *Banter* for any updates/changes that may become necessary.

September 15: *The Pioneers* by David McCullough.

Book for October: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

BRIDGE GROUP

Bridge Group is canceled until further notice. For information, contact Lois Kulp.

GAME NIGHT

Game Night is postponed until further notice. For information, contact Karen Julian.

LUNCH A MONTH

Lunch A Month is suspended until further notice. Contact Sandra Cooley for information.

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.