



Branch

Banter

MARCH 2021

THE PANDEMIC ECONOMIC RESPONSE AND IMPACT

WHEN: Tuesday, March 9 7:00 p.m. (link opens at 6:45 p.m.)

WHERE: Using Zoom (see link information below)

PROGRAM: Jeff Gay will be speaking on the pandemic economic response and impact. He will be very happy to answer any questions.

Jeff Gay is a Certified Financial Planner professional with more than 39 years of experience in banking, securities, and insurance. A graduate of York College of Pennsylvania, he has worked with Raymond James Financial Services since 1993 and has served as manager of their York branch since 1997. Prior to his service with RJFS, Jeff built his career in the banking and securities sectors. For more than 30 years, he has been a contributor to media stories regarding personal finance, the stock market, and the economy, as well providing commentary on national and local political and community affairs. In 2016, Jeff was named by the *York Daily Record* as the number one 'Behind the Scenes Influencer' in York County political circles.

Throughout his life, Jeff has been actively involved in community service. He is a long-time Junior Achievement volunteer, teaching business skills to 8th and 12th grade students. He is married to Pam Gay, the York County Coroner.

Margaret Kremer & Amber Seidel, Program Co-Vice Presidents

AAUW FUND

Thanks to everyone who shopped in person or online at Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser in October. The York Branch raised \$39.90 for NCCWSL, National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. This conference enables hundreds of college women from around the country to have two days of leadership training and networking.

Jane Long, AAUW Fund Chair

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.

FROM THE PODIUM

After a few snowy months, it is time to think spring! The days are getting longer and we are all looking forward to warmer weather.

Spring is also the time to renew your AAUW membership. The 2021-2022 dues for National AAUW are \$62, an increase of \$3. However, the State dues (\$10) and Branch dues (\$11) remain the same. The total for your 2021-2022 is \$83. Please look for the Dues Invoice in the upcoming *Banters*. Remember that your membership supports AAUW's advocacy at the National, State, and local levels. This includes, among other issues, advocacy for pay equity, equitable access to education for women and girls, and affordable health and family care. Of course, our Branch helps many women achieve their educational goals through our scholarship programs.

All AAUW PA Branch members are encouraged to take part in the election of our state's officers. The 2021-2023 offices we are voting for are Membership VP, Finance Officer, and Secretary. More information about the candidates can be found in this *Banter*. We will be voting on the PA officers at the March 9 Branch meeting, so come prepared to vote. If you are unable to attend, you can contact AAUW directly and vote at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWPAElections2021>. Contact Barbara Woodmansee if you have questions.

The next important vote our Branch will be making is regarding the proposed change to the bylaws that will remove the education requirement for membership. National AAUW will be sending information to every member directly, but you also can find information about the proposed change by going to www.AAUW.org and clicking on the Membership link.

As you can see, AAUW remains active. More events are being planned to keep us connected. Mark your calendar for AAUW PA's virtual Annual Meeting on April 10. More details to come.

As we look ahead, we are optimistic about our future because we hear that many of our members and community members are receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Stay safe!

Barbara Woodmansee & Rita Meisenhelder, Co-Presidents

BOARD MEETING

The March 2 Board meeting will be conducted virtually using Zoom (see link above). Barbara will email the agenda a few days before and then lead the meeting, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Branch members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

BANTER DEADLINE

March 26 is the deadline for articles for the April *Banter*.

GATEWAY TO EQUITY AWARD



The York Branch AAUW has selected Marya Bowman for this award for her philanthropic donation to fund dual enrollment scholarships, allowing high school students to enroll in college courses. This donation, to be known as the Marion Bowman Memorial Scholarship, was made in memory of her mother Marion Bowman, a longtime member of the York Branch who strongly supported our Branch scholarship efforts.

MEMBER MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD



Amber Seidel and Donna Fulton are receiving this award for their work to keep us connected this year by getting us connected with Zoom. Both of them were helpful in this effort to use technology for meetings and for small groups within the branch, Amber providing programming and Donna as secretary.

OUTSTANDING WOMAN



Martha Fleischer has been selected for this award for her many years of chairing the Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, coordinating the Young Women's Leadership Conference for seventh grade girls, and for taking a co-president position again for one year to help lead our Branch forward during a transition period.

Lois Conaway, Awards Chair

2021-2023 AAUW PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The 2021-2023 slate for AAUW PA officers is:

Membership VP – Randi Blauth, from AAUW Easton

Randi is currently Membership VP for her Branch and served as president of her Branch from 2012-2014

Finance Officer – Dr. Ann Echols, from AAUW State College

Ann is currently completing her second term as Finance Officer for the State College Branch

Secretary – Ajla Lassegger, from AAUW and AAUW Pennsylvania

Ajla is completing her first term as AAUW PA secretary and has agreed to a second term.

If you would like more information about the candidates you can go to

<https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-pa-2021-2023-officer-election/>

You can vote at the March 9 Branch meeting or by emailing AAUW directly at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWPAElections2021>

If you have questions contact Barbara Woodmansee. All votes must be returned to AAUW by March 31.

EDUCATION STUDY GROUP

Several members have suggested topics for the education committee to discuss. An email has gone out to those members, inviting comment on three topics:

- More civics and history instruction in grades K-12
- Diversion of public funds to private and parochial schools
- Universal pre-school

To participate, email Nancy Buckley. After you receive that basic email, add your comments on one or more topics, then copy to all.

Nancy Buckley, Education Study Group Chair

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

In lieu of the Spring Market Faire, a mailing will be sent at the beginning of April requesting contributions from our loyal participants. Our members will also be welcome to contribute. Next month's *Banter* will contain a form for our use. All who contribute \$20 or more will receive a recipe booklet containing some of our favorite Market Faire recipes.

We will need some additional help: creative writers to draft the letter, envelope stuffers, and gourmards to select recipes and organize the 'cookbooklet.' Please contact Nancy Buckley.

Nancy Buckley, Fundraising Committee Chair

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (HESC)

The name of the Higher Education Funding Committee has been changed to Higher Education Scholarship Committee. This change was suggested by the committee and approved by the Board because it better reflects the purpose of the committee.

Martha Fleischer & Nancy Spataro, HESC Co-Chairs

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW's Gender Policy Agenda outlines priority issues for the 2020-2021 program year. Here is what AAUW would like to see nationally to advance gender equality in terms of foundational rights:

1. **EXPAND AND PROTECT THE RIGHT TO VOTE:** Pass the Voting Rights Amendment Act.
2. **ENSURE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY HEALTHCARE:** Pass the Women's Health Protection Act and protect the Affordable Care Act.
3. **RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT:** Pass the joint resolution removing the deadline for ratification of the ERA or support the language of the ERA as a new amendment.

Carol Heintzelman, Public Policy Chair

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

3rd Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. **via Zoom** Contact Linda Palmer.
March 17: *Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
Led by Paula Jensenius

We need to choose books for the upcoming months. Please have suggestions ready at our meeting.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

Evening Book Group is on hold. Contact Sue Zitnick.

BRIDGE GROUP

Bridge Group is on hold. Contact Lois Kulp.

GAME NIGHT

Game Night is on hold. Contact Karen Julian.

LUNCH A MONTH

Lunch A Month is on hold. Contact Sandra Cooley.

SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club is on hold. Contact Lois Kulp.

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.