



Branch

Banter

MAY 2022

*You Are Invited to
Let's Party in the Park*

PROGRAM:

Join us for a Gala Celebration of the founding of the York Branch. Meet four of our charter members and enjoy their reminiscences. Check out the displays and pictures of Branch events. Enjoy delectable box lunches provided by GingerBabies Catering and celebratory cupcakes made by our own Margaret Kremer.

The York Branch has accomplished much over its fifty year history. We have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help women achieve their educational goals. We have supported a variety of community projects. We have formed life-long friendships and have had lots of fun. Come and celebrate our accomplishments with members and friends.

Masks are optional.

Margaret Kremer & Amber Seidel, Program Co-Vice Presidents, with Betty Hooker & Barbara Woodmansee

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Only a few more weeks to purchase seeds, etc., to brighten your garden and/or fill your salad bowl. Fifty percent of the price of the seeds will be rebated to the Branch. Just click on <http://AAUWYork.fpfundraising.com> to view all the possibilities. **The sale ends on May 15** so don't miss this opportunity!

Nancy Buckley, Fundraising Committee Chair

BANTER DEADLINE

May 24 is the deadline for articles for the June *Banter*, the last issue until September. If you want any Branch summer activities listed, please send them by the May deadline.



AAUW PA – YORK BRANCH SPECIAL HONOREE – APRIL 12, 2022

Sue Zitnick walked into Buechel Lounge at York College two weeks after she had moved to York County in 1978. She knew nobody. As a member of the Eastern Delaware County Branch, Sue knew about AAUW, but not York Branch. Anne McFeely met Sue at the door and introduced her to other members; as she was warmly welcomed, Sue realized immediately that she had found a new home.

She has been a key member of our Spring Market Faire kitchen tour scholarship fundraiser for many years since the first one in 1981. York Branch counted on Sue to make maps and signs for our Spring Market Faire. Some Kitchen Tours stretched for miles across York County from neighborhood to neighborhood. Sue was tasked with the problem of fitting all the houses onto one map that would fit onto a 7" by 8 1/2" space on the ticket. She developed this skill over many years as well as making signs that guided carloads of chatting ladies to the homes that were on the Tour.

Her creative skills were evident in the making of our York Branch Banner. As Women Chair, she created a display at Martin Memorial Library in honor of Women's History Week. Sue has served since 1987 on the Branch board as bylaws chair, keeping us up to date with the rules and helping us all to understand the importance of our branch, state, and national bylaws and policies. Additionally, Sue developed a Policy Sheet which goes into detail into how things are done in York Branch, eliminating confusion and hurt feelings. No one is more knowledgeable than Sue in this regard and we have counted on her expertise to keep in compliance and our policies in line. Whenever we have a question, someone always says, "Ask Sue."

She has attended many state conventions and worked on state conventions that were held here in York in 1988 and 2017. She was involved with Fall Focus for Pennsylvania Division in 1986. She was District Coordinator for the Central District for five years.

Her love of reading was evidenced by chairing the evening book group which focused on a variety of genres. She has also organized an annual book sale to raise funds for attendees to the national AAUW Convention, collecting the books and organizing them by category. She has attended almost all the national conventions since becoming a member.

In addition, she has held branch offices of President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, and served as *Branch Banter* Editor for several years. She was part of the committee that wrote and published *Legacies: Remembrances of York County Women*. She was also on the committee for the Non-Traditional Career Fairs held in the 80's. When the League of Women Voters no longer was active in York, Sue worked on the Voter Guide committee.

She was nominated for Woman of the Year, now Outstanding Woman Award, in 1984 and was Member Making a Difference in 2017.

Sue is a graduate of Drexel University, a life member of AAUW, and a Legacy Circle member. She is a valued member of our York Branch who has been dedicated to serving the mission of AAUW in every way she can.

[Written by Betty Hooker, Archives Chair, & Lois Conaway, Awards Chair]

FROM THE PODIUM

During the months of May and June, the York Branch of AAUW has much to celebrate. Celebrations on a National, State, and local level. You do not want to miss any of it!

On April 7, AAUW National acknowledged a milestone for women's rights. As stated on their website, "we witnessed a historic and momentous occasion today when, in a bipartisan vote, the U.S. Senate confirmed Ketanji Brown Jackson as associate justice to the Supreme Court of the United States. As the first Black woman in this esteemed role, she will add to the breadth of insights, perspectives and life experiences on the bench—and our nation and our system of justice will be better for it. . . Judge Jackson proved to the nation that her credentials are exceptional, her character is unimpeachable and her dedication to the rule of law and the U.S. Constitution, unwavering. With great joy and enormous pride, we look forward to the imprint she will make on the court and on our country."

On June 3-5, the AAUW PA Convention will take place at the Central Hotel & Conference Center in Harrisburg. The theme will be *Disruption as Opportunity: It's a Woman's World*. The convention will acknowledge the disruption of recent years, celebrate the outcomes, and inspire to continue to improve the lives of women. To register, go to: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net>.

At our next Branch meeting on May 10, we will have a full agenda of awards, elections, and installation of new officers. Many thanks to the women who have volunteered to fill these positions. Following the meeting, we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the York Branch of AAUW. You do not want to miss this evening of memories and fun!

Rita Meisenhelder & Nancy Buckley, Co-Presidents

BOARD MEETING

The May 3 Board meeting will be conducted virtually using Zoom (see link above). Rita 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.

PUBLIC POLICY

Education Voters of Pennsylvania feels we need the state legislature to step up for Pennsylvania's public schools because: (1) 86% of students attend school districts that are not adequately funded under Pennsylvania state law; (2) The state's share of total district spending is 38%, which ranks the state 45th in the country. The national median is 48%; (3) 277 PA school districts need more per student to adequately support their students' learning needs, enabling them to graduate ready to compete in today's economy; (4) Pennsylvania is underfunding its public schools by \$4.6 billion; (5) Graduation rates are 20% higher in the wealthiest districts (94% vs. 74%); (6) The growing funding gap averages \$4,800 per student between poor and wealthy districts.

Carol Heintzeman, Public Policy Chair

NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS FOR 2022-2024 – VOTE

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates:

Co-President: Carol Blum Anderson

Carol has been a member of AAUW since 2005, following in the footsteps of her mother, Helen Blum, a founding member of this branch, and has been active most of that time. She has served as Financial Officer, and chaired the Public Policy position on the board. She was named Member Making a Difference in 2014, and Outstanding Woman in 2019.

Co-Program Vice Presidents: Carol Heintzelman and Lois Conway

Carol has been a member of AAUW since 1970, first in Winchester, VA, Martinsburg, WV and Lancaster, then York. She has served 3 terms on the State board, and has served on the national college/university committee. In the years since living in Pa she has attended many national and state conventions. She has served York as President, Co-president, and chaired the Public Policy position. She was named Outstanding Woman in 2020.

Lois has been a member since 1973, and has served the branch as Co-president, Program Vice president, Membership Vice President and as a member of the graduate scholarship committee and chaired the Awards committee.

Secretary: Betty Hooker

Betty has been an AAUW member since 1978, and has served as President, Co-President, Program Vice President, Secretary, Yearbook editor, Awards chair, Archives chair and Public Policy Chair. She was named Outstanding Woman in 2017, and Member Making a Difference in 2020. She has agreed to finish Donna Fulton's term as secretary, ending in 2023, (one year)

Co-Finance Officers: Bonnie Bluett and Judy Pena

Bonnie has been an AAUW member since the 1980's, and has served the York Branch as Secretary, Membership Vice President, and Educational Funds coordinator. She is currently serving as Co-Finance Officer for the past year, and has agreed to another 2-year term in that office.

Judy has been a long-time member of the York Branch and has served as Membership Vice-president. She has agreed to finish Bonnie Bluett's current term, ending in 2023 (one year).

AAUW MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM FOR 2022-2023

Finally, here is your dues invoice for 22-23. AAUW National has been reformulating methods to allow paying dues via the Internet. However, training for the membership has not become available at this time so the Board has decided to proceed as we have in the past by filling out the form and mailing it with a check to the designated membership chairperson. Payment may also be brought to the May 10 meeting. Please be aware that your time to respond has been shortened because we were waiting to make use of the new methods of paying dues.

If you would like to try paying your dues online, without training, go to www.aauw.org and click membership, and follow the prompts. You will most likely have to create a password and be sure to choose national dues and then state and local dues. You will pay one bill by credit card. National will then send your state and branch dues to the correct entities.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Jean Quickel & Suzanne Robertson, Membership Vice Presidents

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

3rd Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. via Zoom Contact Linda Palmer
May 18: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan Led by Linda Palmer

BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge Group will meet Wednesday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Phyllis Sword. Please bring a sandwich for the noon break.
If you would like to become a sub or join the group, please call Lois Kulp. We welcome new members.

LUNCH A MONTH – MAY

The May Lunch will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 1:00 p.m. at Loxley's Restaurant. Please RSVP to Carol Heintzelman. Hope to see you at Loxley's!

LUNCH A MONTH – JUNE

Our June Lunch will be held on Tuesday, June 7, at 1:00 p.m. at The Conewago Inn. Please RSVP to Kay Roddy. I hope to see you there in June!

There will be no Lunch A Month in July or August. In September, we will resume with a lunch at the Stone Grille. Enjoy your summer!

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.