



Branch Banter

SEPTEMBER 2022

MORE REMINISCING AT THE PARK

WHEN: Tuesday, September 13

PROGRAM:

Join us to remember more of our 50 years as the York Branch and get to see everyone after a long hot summer.

There will be time to look at the displays and pictures of Branch activities over the years if you did not have a chance to see all of them at our May celebration.

We will just take some time to meet and greet everyone and you are welcome to share some of your most memorable moments as a member of AAUW. What do you remember most about being a member of the York Branch? What does it mean to you to be a member?

Come and find out what is planned for the coming year across the many projects and activities in our Branch.

Please bring your own refreshments if you wish. You are encouraged to bring a friend. There are plenty of picnic tables and benches available, but you may bring your own chair.

Lois Conaway & Carol Heintzeman, Program Co-Vice Presidents

DISPOSABLE UNDERWEAR DRIVE AT THE SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

Many families are struggling to buy disposable underwear for elderly adults during these economically challenging times. Please help the less fortunate in our community by bringing a donation of adult disposable underwear to the September Branch meeting. Betty Hooker will be collecting donations at her car (a white Camry sedan) in the parking lot prior to the meeting. The donations will go to Representative Carol Hill-Evans for distribution to the needy.

FROM THE PODIUM

Do plan to come to the meeting in the park on September 13. We look forward to being together in person. The lack of herd immunity and repeated variants of COVID may make it wise to have future meetings through Zoom.

Restrictions brought about by COVID, now just the latest alteration of a succession of advancements making impact in our lives, mean that we have lost many of the cultural and philanthropic organizations through which we joined to address social justice and negotiate change. AAUW is one volunteer organization still standing and thus challenged to, in ways large and small, rectify and balance the negative in present society. To that end we must solicit new generations of women to join us in continuing to support our mission: to advance gender equality for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Carol Anderson, Co-President

BOARD MEETING

The September 6 Board meeting will be conducted virtually using Zoom. Nancy 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.

BEYOND THE BRANCH

As members of the York Branch of AAUW, you are part of a dynamic organization on the state and national levels as well as our York Branch. Together, we work to achieve our mission of advancing gender equity through research, education, and advocacy. For information (and inspiration), consult the following websites:

AAUW National Website - <https://www.aauw.org>
Pennsylvania AAUW Website - <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net>

Nancy Buckley, Co-President

2022-2023 BUDGET – VOTE AT MEETING

We will vote on the 2022-2023 budget at the September meeting. For any questions, contact Bonnie.

Bonnie Bluett, Co-Finance Officer

2021-2022 YEARBOOKS

The *2022-2023 Yearbooks*, with vivid blue covers, will be distributed at the September meeting. *Yearbooks* that are not picked up by the October meeting will be mailed.

Betty Hooker, Yearbook Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new member Marion Haynes-Weller! She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan in 1978, and received a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1987. Marion has expressed an interest in women's history, politics, Get Out the Vote and book groups. Look forward to meeting her at a future meeting.

Please remember to carry our Branch business cards with you to help recruit new members. Contact us if you have not yet received your business cards.

Jean Quickel & Suzanne Robertson, Membership Vice Presidents

BANTER DEADLINE

September 24 is the deadline for articles for the October *Banter*.

PUBLIC POLICY

The State Legislature has proposed six amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution. This is a multi-step process: (1) General Assembly first proposed amendments during the 2021-2022 legislative session; (2) A majority of the legislators elected during the November 8, 2022, General Election approve the proposed amendments for a second time during the 2023-2024 session; (3) Proposed amendments published again and submitted to voters as ballot questions; (4) If one or more ballot questions are approved by a majority of the voters on May 9, 2023, then the amendments become law.

The proposed amendments include: (1) Suits against the Commonwealth; (2) Changes in the state abortion laws*; (3) Limiting the power of the governor to declare an emergency; (4) Allow the governor to appoint the lieutenant governor; (5) Qualifications of electors – presentation of voter I.D.; (6) Election audits. (*Republican lawmakers are advancing a proposal to amend the state constitution to declare there is no constitutional right to an abortion or to use public funding for an abortion.)

Carol Heintzelman, Public Policy Chair

GET OUT THE VOTE

Vote – November 8, 2022

**A CRITICAL ELECTION FOR:
US Senate and US House
PA Governor
PA General Assembly**

**Last Day to register - October 24th
Last Day to request absentee and mail-in ballots - November 1st**

For more information check the website:

<http://www.vote.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

The website provides online voter registration, applications for mail-in or absentee ballots, election results and information on how to contact your county election office.

Betty Hooker, Get Out the Vote Chair

AAUW FUND

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) provides for hundreds of young women from around the United States to come together for three days of leadership training, inspiration and networking. NCCWSL was founded more than three decades ago and has attracted over 10,000 student leaders. The workshops, panels, speakers, and activities provide opportunities to learn from experts and also provide peer networking.

To help provide funds for a NCCWSL scholarship, the York Branch will be participating in the Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraising event. The \$5.00 shopping pass entitles the customer to save up to 25% off the lowest prices. This event will be on Wednesday, October 19, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Your shopping pass may be purchased at the September 13 or October 11 Branch meeting. All \$5.00 will help support a NCCWSL scholarship.

Jane Long, AAUW Fund Chair

EDUCATION ISSUES ACTION GROUP [New name]

When: Thursday, September 29

Where: Carol Little's home

Who: Any member, and their guests

What: In what education issues can we as AAUW make a difference? What actions can we take?

WHY: Education has always been a lynchpin of AAUW's mission since its inception.

Maintaining a high quality of public education is a key element in breaking the cycle of poverty, and in keeping American style democracy healthy.

At this initial meeting of this group, our objective is to consider various issues confronting our system of public education, and choose one or two areas where we can be effective as a group, with specific actions and a timeline.

Do you have a friend who is either working in or interested in this topic? Please feel free to invite him or her along, even if he/she is not a member of AAUW. The input of someone still in the workforce would be invaluable. (I deliberately chose an evening meeting to be able to include individuals who are still working.)

Those of you who know me from past Kitchen Tour meetings know I dislike long meetings! My general rule is that we start on time, and go no longer than 1 ½ hours.

Please let me know if you plan to attend, and the name of any guest you will invite.

Carol Little, Education Issues Action Group Chair

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (HESC)

The Higher Education Scholarship Committee is excited to announce the recipients of the 2022 Marion Bowman Memorial Dual Enrollment Scholarships.

Elisee: Dover High School – York College of Pennsylvania General Psychology

Jewel: Red Lion High School – Penn State York English Composition

Emma: Susquehannock High School – York College of Pennsylvania
Principles of Economics

We look forward to getting to know these girls over the course of the year.

Speaking for the Committee, Nancy Spataro would like to extend thanks and appreciation to Bonnie Bluett who went out of her way to make sure that checks were written and delivered to the colleges in an exceptionally timely manner.

Nancy Spataro & Michelle Kern, HEFC Co-Chairs

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.

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

3rd Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. via Zoom Contact Linda Palmer

September 21: *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

If you are interested in joining a discussion, you can request a list of discussion questions.

- Betty Hooker will be in charge of the September meeting, so please contact her for questions.

BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge Group will meet Wednesday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Lois Kulp. Janet Misiolek will host the October 5 meeting.

New members and subs are invited to join us at any time. We meet the first Wednesday of the month in member's homes, breaking at noon for lunch and concluding the game by 3:00 p.m. For information, please call Lois Kulp.

LUNCH A MONTH

Please join us for lunch on September 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the Stone Grille. We will dine in their semi-outdoor patio area. Please contact Sandra Cooley if you would like to attend.

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.