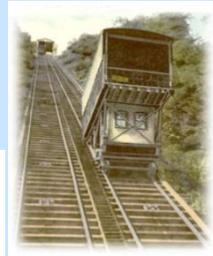




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Linda Messer
Visionary of the Month

Kudos!!

to member, Linda Messer, who as the Greenspace Capture Team Leader, has been recognized by Visionary 25 as the Visionary of the Month. Linda's team assists other V25 teams such as the Trails, Community Gardens, and other teams to create sustainable greenspace within the city. Recent projects include a PennDot Adopt-a-Highway stretch through the city, Arbor Day Celebrations, assisting the city Tree Commission and Planning Commission with green infrastructure plans, landscaping the Welcome to Cambria City sign, planting tulips in Central Park, street cleanup and weeding, and installing a pollinator garden at Sandyvale Conservatory, with 2017 plans for a downtown Beautification Contest.

Linda describes Vision 25 as neighbor helping neighbor through grass roots volunteerism for all. It is the glue that binds our creative efforts and ties us together from our ideas to our actions.

Public Policy

taken from National AAUW Outlook, Winter

2017, by Linda Maatz

Nonpartisan vs. Political

"AAUW is a nonpartisan organization, and we have a long history of creating social change through public policy efforts. Because this work is often undertaken within the political arena there is sometimes confusion about AAUW's political work versus our nonpartisan stance.

What is the distinction between "political" and "partisan"? Political work can be characterized as taking policy positions and working toward a common goal- as represented in AAUW's member-adopted Public Policy Program. Simply put, being political is a way to influence legislation and regulation through government or public affairs, while partisan activities maintain a firm adherence to a party faction or person. "



by Deanna Haddle (jdhadd1@gmail.com)

Shenandoah Showcase September 21-22, 201

Don't forget...the Shenandoah Trip, graciously allotted to AAUW by Epic Journeys owner and AAUW member, Cyndy Watters, as a fund raiser. **For every AAUW member or person referencing AAUW who participates in the trip, our branch will receive \$25.** I emailed registration forms and itinerary to members. If you want more information or need the forms please contact me 814-659-1682 or call Epic Journeys at 814-495-9383.



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Doris Leidy (dorisleidy19@gmail.com)

\$45,441.20 Balance end of Dec.

0. Deposits

\$ 4,777.58 Expenses

\$40,663.62 ending Balance end of January 2017



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by Barbara Zaborowski (bzabor@pennhighlands.edu)

As the Branch moves forward with obtaining its 501c3 status, it has become necessary to adjust some of the bookkeeping to bring it in line with more standard accounting practices. To reach that goal, the budget has been constructed with specific program areas receiving allocations based on projected expenditures; this is why the budget items list for 2017-2018 looks smaller than previous years. Items such as postage, advertising, and supplies have been reallocated into program areas instead of being itemized separately. Board members will now be responsible for spending within their program areas. Likewise, the balance carryover reflects the total of the Certificates of Deposit that were not reinvested but instead put into our interest-bearing checking account where they are earning slightly better interest.

Proposed Budget 2017-2018

Net Ordinary Income	Budget Amount	Expenses	Budget Amount
Balance Carryover	\$ 20,075.63	President	\$ 1,325.00
Book Sale	\$ 7,000.00	Membership	\$ 600.00
Fundraising	\$ 1,500.00	Programming	\$ 1,000.00
Grants	\$ 1,000.00	Fundraising	\$ 250.00
Donations	\$ 0.00	Communication	\$ 150.00
		Education	\$ 5,250.00
		Treasurer	\$ 900.00
		STEM	\$ 550.00
		Book Sale	\$ 3,400.00
		Special Projects	\$ 400.00
Totals	\$30,475.63	Total	\$13,825.00



by Deanna Haddle, jdhadd1@gmail.com



Did you know that in 2015, women working full time in the United States typically were paid just 80 percent of what men were paid, a gap of 20 percent? While the number has gone up one percentage point from 2014, the change isn't statistically significant — because the increase is so small, mere tenths of a percent, it doesn't amount to perceptible change.

Glamour published this article on February 7th. It is by far one of the best ever written on the subject and worth a read. <http://www.glamour.com/story/12-real-people-discover-what-the-pay-gap-looks-like>.

The next Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 4, 2017. This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. Wear RED on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!



Mapping Matters!

by Deanna Haddle (jdhadd1@gmail.com)

AAUW-PA is an endorsing member organization of Fair Districts Pennsylvania—this is a coalition of organizations across the state, including the League of Women Voters and Common Cause Pennsylvania, working on redistricting. Our Johnstown Branch Public Policy Committee decided to take "fair redistricting" as one of our projects.

On March 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM a speaker from Fair Districts Pa will be featured at an "open to the public" meeting at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, Richland Campus. Members of the Indiana Branch AAUW, the Indiana Women's League of Voters and our local YWCA have been invited to attend. Flyers are being sent to local schools, colleges and universities asking history and political science teachers to invite their students to the event.

Stopping unfair redistricting is a nonpartisan issue and one that affects your vote.

We ask that all members try to attend this important, informative meeting. If you are planning on attending, please pre-register so we can assure we have a space to accommodate everyone!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWRedistrictprogram> or call 814-262-6476



Dining Club

by Rita King
(rita@nick-and-tony.com)

The Dining Club will meet on **Friday, March 31st at 5:45 PM at Geoffrey's, 1540 Scalp Avenue.** **The April 28th meeting will take place at 5:45 PM at The Orchard, 2034 Bedford Street.** All members and guests are welcome to come and enjoy good food and conversation!

Contact Rita King if you are planning to attend so that she can make reservations.

Rita King can be contacted at rita@nick-and-tony.com or 814-288-4172.

Other Organizations' Events

by Deanna Haddle (jdhadd1@gmail.com)

As a means of having other organizations support our events we like to keep our members informed of their events. You will find more information via links to the organization on our Facebook page or by calling the number listed below:

YWCA:

A Night at the Races, March 18, 2107, 6 PM at Riverside Firehall (814-536-3519)

Springtime Tea Party, An American Girl Tea Party, April 1, 2017 (814-536-3519)



by Ann Furlong (akfurlong@verizon.net)

A reminder to all: AAUW should be in the forefront of our personal charitable giving. Perhaps next time an AAUW friend has a birthday or some other special remembrance, instead of another trinket you could make a gift to AAUW in her honor. Forms are available on the AAUW web site or from Ann Furlong.

Our organization works for us, and we need to work for it.

Book Sale News

Book Sale



by Kathy Howanek, (khowanek@hotmail.com)

It's closer than you think! Four months from the day I am writing this, we will be recovering from the 2017 book sale. I am confident that it will be another success. As Pat mentioned in our last newsletter, we have received significant book donations and now are asking our membership, some of the most prolific readers in town, to do some early spring cleaning. Why not clear **your** shelves of winter (or any other seasonal) reading and have your own donations ready for **our spring pick-up. This will occur from April 17 through May 20.** We anticipate the usual collection spots: Giant Eagle, Richland; Family Video, Geistown; YWCA, YMCA, Randy's BiLo on Osborne Street, AmeriServe Bank in Westmont, and Ace Hardware in Westmont. Once the collection locations have been verified, a separate email will be sent to keep everyone current. Of course, you can also expect a call from Anne Fattman asking for your help to collect books and take them to our storage space which is still at Ace Hardware in Westmont.

New members, closer to **the date of the sale, which is June 7 through 10**, you will be contacted to work at the sale. Let me say that this is a great way to get involved and meet lots of "experienced" members, especially during set-up days which are June 5 and 6. This is also our major fundraiser at this point and allows us to fund our scholarship program.



Scholarship & Awards Luncheon

by Nancy Miller (carlannmiller@verizon.net)

Our Leora G. Rager Scholarship and AAUW Awards Luncheon is scheduled for **Sunday, April 9 at Sunnehanna Country Club. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. in the President's Room. The cost is \$22.00 per person.** As this is our most important gathering of the year, everyone is encouraged to attend to honor our scholarship recipients and awardees.

This year students from Forest Hills, Richland, and Conemaugh Township will receive the \$1500 scholarships. Vice President/Fund Raising Barb Zaborowski will present videos of the students and their activities. The Branch will also honor members who have contributed greatly to our group with Barbara Zaborowski receiving the Named Gift Award; Paulette Solomon receiving the Outstanding Woman Award; and Judy Petrusic receiving the Member Making a Difference Award. Francine Cashaw will receive the Gateway to Equity Award for her many contributions to the Johnstown Community.

Please come to the luncheon! It is a very special event for our scholarship winners and awardees. Also, it is an opportunity for our organization to showcase our mission of equity for women and girls and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. **Luncheon Reservations can be made by sending a \$22 check for each attendee to AAUW Treasurer Doris Leidy, 1032 Hillside Trail, Johnstown, PA 15905. Reservations are due by Friday, March 31.**

Note that biographies and pictures of our Scholarship Awardees and that of our Gateway to Equity Award, Francine Cashaw, will be in the April/May edition of our newsletter

Congratulations!!

by Deanna Haddle(jdhadd1@gmail.com)

Recipients of Johnstown Branch AAUW 2017 Awards



Judy Petrusic has been awarded the "**Member Making a Difference**" Award. Judy is a photographer extraordinaire who takes wonderful pictures at all AAUW meetings and events, edits them and then uploads the photos into an online flicker account for members to download and enjoy. Judy has also been a very active participant in our Book Sale and STEM events.

Paulette Solomon is an "Outstanding ,Can-do" member of AAUW. She has been awarded the "**Outstanding Woman**" Award. After completing a term as Secretary when it was vacated, Paulette served a full term as Secretary. While Secretary she served as a member on the Program, Book Sale and STEM committees. Paulette stepped down from the Secretary position to serve as Program Chair and Co-Chair of the Write-Read-Write Program, while continuing her work on the Book Sale/Basket Sale and STEM committees. She has also been responsible for organizing three social program at the local playhouse for AAUW members.



March 20, 2017: 6:30 PM , PHCC
Open meeting with Conemagh Hospital speaker on Women's Health at
March 22, 2017: 6:30 PM , PHCC
"Mapping Matters: Open meeting with Fair Districts PA speaker on Redistricting
March 25, 2017: 11 AM - 2 PM, Moxham Lutheran Church
AAUW_Goodwill Luncheon
April 9, 2017: 1:00 PM, Sunnehanna Country Club
Branch Scholarship and Awards Luncheon

GOODWILL-AAUW PROJECT



On Saturday, March 25, 2017, from 11 am - 2 pm our branch, in cooperation with the Goodwill Guides, will be hosting a luncheon for girls at the Moxham Lutheran Church.

The theme of the event is "My Future Story". Branch member and Cambria County District Attorney, Kelly Callihan will be the speaker. A committee is presently working on the details; but members are invited to attend and share their career stories with the girls during lunch.

For more information contact Georgia Yeager
gayeager@gmail.com

88th Annual AAUW- PA State Convention April 21-23, 2017 Heritage Hills Golf Resort, York, PA

by Deanna Haddle (jdhadd1@gmail.com)

The theme of the PA-AAUW State Convention is **Heritage: Diversity is Our Strength**. The theme will be explored through many different topics: implicit bias, prejudice, stereotypes, information about the PA Commission for Women, STEM Civil Rights, gender issues, policy implications, how to influence legislation, diversity, a Legal Advocacy Speaker and an AAUW National Update.

The host branches this year are York, Carlisle, Harrisburg and Gettysburg. Members are strongly encouraged to attend the AAUW-PA State Convention. It is a great opportunity to meet some extraordinary women, learn more about the impact of AAUW members and policies. Plus it is a lot of fun! Contact Doris Leidy (dorisleidy19@gmail.com) about funds appropriated for conventions. Complete meeting information, including the agenda, registration form and meeting details are found at <http://aauw-pa.net/>.

Please note that our own Barbara Zaborowski is serving as the Conference Coordinator and that the **2018 AAUW-PA State Convention will be held on April 13-15, 2018 at Seven Springs. Our chapter will be the host branch for this convention!**



The PA-AAUW July Summer Retreat will be held on July 22, 2017 at the Genetti Hotel in downtown Williamsport. The topic of the summer retreat will be to share programming and membership recruitment ideas. Members are encouraged to attend!



SAVE THE DATE!

The AAUW National Convention will be held in Washington, D.C. from June 14-17, 2017. The proximity of the convention is wonderful for us in Pennsylvania. Please consider attending! For more information to <http://convention.aauw.org/register/>