

by Georgia Yeager (gayeager@gmail.com)

## The New AAUW Book Club

### Join Us!

An evening book club is up and running and looking for more members! Five members met in November at the Boulevard Grill to do some planning. The group will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Boulevard. We discovered that we have read many of the same books, and we bonded immediately over our similar and yet varied interests.

On January 11, the group will meet to discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly, a book about women in New York, Germany, and Poland during World War II and how their lives intersect. There actually was a group of women called The Rabbits in Ravenbruck prison camp where German doctors conducted medical experiments so while it is a novel, the book has some elements of truth. (December's selection was *The Deal of a Lifetime*, a novella by Fredrik Backman who authored *A Man Called Ove*.)

Current members of the book club include Billie Zahurak, Claire Montoya, Paula Tomko, Pat Grzybicki, and Georgia Yeager. The meeting format is discussion of the book.

"AAUW Books at the Boulevard" is the official name of the newest book club. Join us for discussion of [Lilac Girls](#) by Martha Hall Kelly on Thursday, January 11 at 6 pm at the Boulevard Grill.

**Join us for food, fun, and great discussion on January 11!**



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

The dining club will meet on Jan.26, 2018 at 5:45 PM at the Yellow Jacket Restaurant, 537 Ferndale Ave. On Feb. 23rd the meeting will be held at 5:45 PM at The Crow's Nest, 510 Tire Hill Road.

Come and bring your friends and relatives! Buon Appetit!



by Pat Grzybicki (dsap@atlanticbb.net)

Thank you to our generous members who donated \$250 to the "Cambria County Literacy Council" at our Christmas Luncheon. The following note was received from the Literacy Council.

**"To the AAUW Members,  
Thank-you for your donation again this year to the Cambria Council Literacy Council.  
Your generosity over the years is appreciated more than words can ever express. Because of donors like you, the Literacy Council is able to continue to help those in our community thru our programs.**

**Sincerely, The Literacy Board"**



by Barbara Zaborowski (bzabor@pennhighlands.edu)

2017-2018 Budget  
July1, 2017-Nov 30, 2017

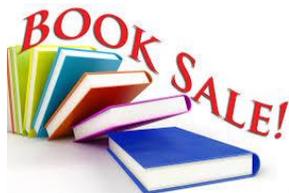
Net Ordinary Income	Budget Amount	Received	Variance
Book Sale	\$7,900.00	\$0.00	\$7,900.00
Fundraising	\$1,500.00	\$334.39	\$1,165.61
Grants/Donations (STEM)	\$1,000.00	\$5,450.00	-\$4,450.00
Donations			\$0.00
Dues (Active members x \$60)	\$3,720.00	\$1,662.00	\$2,058.00
Local Dues		\$27.00	\$27.00
Interest		\$8.17	\$8.17
Miscellaneous			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$14,120.00</b>	<b>\$7,481.56</b>	<b>\$6,708.78</b>
Expenses	Budget Amount	Expended	Variance
President	\$1,325.00	\$4.00	\$1,321.00
Membership	\$600.00	\$485.20	\$114.80
Programming	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Fundraising	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Communication	\$150.00	\$14.49	\$135.51
Education	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$5,250.00
Treasurer	\$900.00	\$83.00	\$817.00
STEM	\$6,000.00	\$3,048.34	\$2,951.66
Book Sale	\$3,400.00	\$1,326.83	\$2,073.17
Special Projects	\$400.00	\$157.12	\$242.88
Dues	\$3,720.00	\$1,662.00	\$2,058.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$22,995.00</b>	<b>\$5,118.98</b>	<b>\$17,876.02</b>
Net Ordinary Income	\$14,120.00	\$7,481.56	\$6,708.78
Total Expense	\$22,995.00	\$5,118.98	\$17,876.02
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$8,875.00	\$2,362.58	-\$11,167.24



## AAUW - PA State Convention

by Deanna Haddle (jdhadd1@gmail.com)

A reminder to save the dates: **April 13 - 15, 2018** for the AAUW-PA State Convention! We are the hosting branch, which means some work on our part to have everything organized. The convention will be held at Seven Springs Resort. Our own Barbara Zaborowski is the State Convention Chair. She will be calling on our members to help.....please say YES! More details will follow.



by Georgia Yeager (gayeager@gmail.com)

## USED BOOK SALE NEWS

There is one good thing about winter (yes...really!) The Book Sale Committee gets a little time off! We finished the fall collection period by packing 366 boxes of books in our new space at the Free Weights and Aerobics Gym on Lincoln Street. The new space is really wonderful for working – well-lit, roomy, and seemingly just right for our needs.

In early December we received about 25 boxes of books for sorting; consequently, sorters will be on the job for at least one day after the holidays. We take delivery of donations at just about any time when someone calls. Lee Rager is still our point of contact for people with large donations or questions (255-6560).

We may have lost Giant Eagle as a collection point, but Market Basket is working out very well, and they seem eager to help us. People who used to collect books at Giant Eagle will be assigned to Market Basket in the spring.

Spring collection will be mid-April through mid-May. January and February are good months to clean off your bookshelves and get your donations ready for spring.

***Don't Forget!***  
***February 17, 2018 Meeting***  
 by Paulette Solomon

...will be held at 12:30 PM at the Community Room of the Cambria County Library. This is business meeting, but we will have Samaah Izmirli-Sbeitan as a guest speaker. Her topic is "Islam: One Woman's View". Mrs. Izmirli-Sbeitan is the wife of a local doctor, and she has children in the Westmont Schools. She has been doing such talks to promote a better understanding of the Islam religion.

If any member has any specific topic or question (within good taste), please email me at: [pmsolomon12@atlanticbb.net](mailto:pmsolomon12@atlanticbb.net) and I will forward it to her.

## Be a member...

### of the Public Policy Committee!!

The Public Policy Committee will meet at Panera in Richland Town Center on Monday, January 8th at :00 PM. I hope you can join us.

2018 is going to be a crucial year for AAUW. Another meeting will be held in early January. If you have questions or are interested in joining the Public Policy Committee, please contact Paula Tomko at [paula.tomko@gmail.com](mailto:paula.tomko@gmail.com).


**Public Policy**  
 by Paula Tomko(paula.tomko@gmail.com)



On December 7th, AAUW released a [new analysis](#) of the gender pay gap in 25 major U.S. metropolitan areas. We hope that this data will be used as a resource for both your city- and state-focused advocacy for pay equity. AAUW has created petitions in for the 25 metropolitan areas in the study that call on local officials to adopt robust policy solutions that will help to close the gender pay gap. The gender pay gap affects every area, not just those listed in this study.

This week, the PA Senate passed **SB 3**, which was the 20-week abortion ban bill. Although the Governor will be vetoing the bill, it is anticipated that further action from the legislature will be forthcoming. Contact your representatives at:

<https://secure.ppaction.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=21778>

**AAUW supports the right of every woman to access safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services.**



**PA SB2** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for education savings account; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Education and the State Treasury. AAUW believes that this is the new voucher scheme--Education Savings Accounts. Contact your representatives!

The US House of Representatives is considering a proposal to overhaul the HEA in a way that makes college more expensive, more hostile, and ultimately further out of reach for many. H.R. 4508 would:

- Eliminate student loan forgiveness for public service employees and alter income-driven repayment options, increasing debt burdens for struggling borrowers
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- Weaken schools' requirements to prevent and end campus sexual assault and support survivors
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- Fail to strengthen the Pell grant program, which makes it possible for millions of low-income students to go to college, or even increase its annual grant amount to reflect inflation



## Fair Districts

On Thursday, November 9, the PA Supreme Court accepted the request for extraordinary jurisdiction over the case of **League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania v PA General Assembly**. That case was filed in PA Commonwealth Court, citing state constitutional clauses about free speech, political association, and equal protection. The PA Supreme Court intervened to expedite the case and instructed the Commonwealth Court to hear and offer a decision by December 31. Since then, there have been numerous motions filed and withdrawn. You can find details and links to all motions **here**.

The next day, The PA Eastern District Court denied an attempt by our legislative leaders to avoid full disclosure in another redistricting case, *Agre v Wolf*, this one citing the Elections Clause of Article I of the U.S. Constitution. According to the Constitution, the procedures for electing members of Congress must be neutral. In Pennsylvania, the suit alleges, Republican lawmakers drew on partisan data about voters to craft boundaries that favor the GOP.

AAUW is doing everything they can to make gerrymandering a key election issue in the 2018 primary and general election. For more information go to: <https://www.fairdistrictspa.com/>



## Membership Notes

At the end of November, National AAUW finalized our membership total at 78. Of that total, 8 are lifetime members.

Our newest member is Karen Remick. Karen is the Director of the Somerset County Technology Center, and she lives in Salix. If you were at the Christmas Luncheon, you may have met Karen. She was among nine of our new members who attended.

Members are sending me corrections for the next printing of the AAUW directory. If you notice an error in the listing of your information, let me know. You can send corrections to [gayeager@gmail.com](mailto:gayeager@gmail.com).

**Please make these corrections to the entry of Billie Zahurak: home phone 288-3645 and cell phone 241-3028. Mardy Huss email: [outlander@atlanticbb.net](mailto:outlander@atlanticbb.net). Mary Lou Wyandt email: [Maxwell1148@outlook.com](mailto:Maxwell1148@outlook.com).**

Inclined to AAUW

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