

## *AAUW 2019 Awards Banquet*

by Nancy Miller (carlnanmiller@verizon.net)

The Scholarship Luncheon on April 7 was a great success. Thanks to all the members who attended and made the day special for our scholarship and awards recipients. They are outstanding young women and were very appreciative of our recognition.



The high school awardees were (l) Kate Isenberg from Bishop McCort, (c) Gitana Villa from Conemaugh Valley, and (r) Sophie Hochfeld from Westmont Hilltop.

The Gateway to Equity Award was presented to Marie Mock, for Community Service. Eloise Romano received the "Member Making a Difference Award" and Nancy Miller was honored with the "Named Gift Award. Leora Rager was recognized as a 50 year member.

Member Josephine Romano was recognized as the 2019 Outstanding Woman in absentia. Rosemary Hagadus, a 50 year member was also unable to attend to receive her certificate.

We hope to be able to continue funding the scholarships through the Book Sale and new fundraising projects. We need all our members to pitch in to this end.



Nancy Miller, Marie Mock, Leora Rager, Pat Grzybicki, Eloise Romano



By Georgia Yeager


It's all happening the second week of June at the Galleria Mall. Be there for the annual AAUW Used Book Sale. Sign up to work at the sale (because we need your help!), and when you're not working, browse the tables for your next great reads!

The dates for the Used Book Sale are June 12 through June 15 with setup on June 10 and June 11. Sale times are 9 am to 8 pm daily except for Saturday which will be 9 am until 4 pm. Saturday is also \$5 bag day! New this year are categories for Christmas books and books of local interest.

This year our boxes of books are already in the mall, so we need lots of help and many dollies to move the boxes. Bring all of your strong family members to help ferry the boxes to the sale site. If you have a dolly, bring it. If you unable to help move the books, but can lend a dolly, contact Pat Grzybicki, Ann Furlong, Kathy Howanek, or Georgia Yeager.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need the help of everyone to make it successful. When Rita King calls you to schedule your help at the sale, be generous with your time. You can also call Rita to volunteer your time.

Book collection has been going well. THANK YOU to all members who have been lugging books from collection sites to the Galleria. Also, THANK YOU to Ann Fattman who creates the book collection schedule and makes the calls. Rita King, THANK YOU for calling and scheduling workers for the sale. We couldn't raise scholarship money without your help. Book collection ends May 18.



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

The dining club will meet at the Perkins, 505 Galleria Drive, on May 31st at 5:45 PM.


On June 28, the club will meet at 5:45 PM at Jake's in the Galleria Mall.

Bring family and friends to enjoy an evening of good food and conversation!



**Thirsty Thursday**  
by Doris Leidy  
(dorisleidy19@gmail.com)

The Branch's bi-monthly **ThirstyThursday** will be held **May 2nd at Tulune's Steak and Alehouse** at 90 Lulay St in Geistown. Drop in anytime between. **5 - 7 p.m.** a great time to get better acquainted with AAUW members . Bring a friend.



by Deanna Haddle (jdhadd1@gmail.com)

At the last AAUW Fundraising Committee meeting, it was decided to again be part of Johnstown's Ethnic Feast during Labor Day weekend and sell Bead for Life Jewelry. A reminder that the purchase of the jewelry benefits women and children in Uganda; and our profits benefit the girls and women in Johnstown. Be sure to sign up to work a shift! It is a lot of fun to be part of the Ethnic Fest with all the good food and Johnstown friends.



# Treasurer's Report

by Barbara Zaborowski (bzabor@pennhighlands.edu)

2018-2019 Budget  
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

	Budget Amount	Actuals	Variance
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>			
Book Sale	\$7,900.00	\$0.00	-\$7,900.00
Fundraising	\$1,500.00	\$6,581.52	\$5,081.52
Grants/Donations (STEM)	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	-\$2,400.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$19.68	\$19.68
Dues (Active members x \$60)	\$5,460.00	\$3,971.50	-\$1,488.50
Local Dues	\$78.00	\$15.00	-\$63.00
Interest	\$24.00	\$6.24	-\$17.76
Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00	\$120.11	-\$1,879.89
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$19,362.00</b>	<b>\$10,714.05</b>	<b>-\$8,647.95</b>
	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
President	\$325.00	\$137.91	-\$187.09
Membership	\$600.00	\$397.94	-\$202.06
Programming	\$577.00	\$1,277.61	\$700.61
Fundraising	\$150.00	\$3,464.37	\$3,314.37
Communication	\$50.00	\$181.01	\$131.01
Education	\$5,700.00	\$0.00	-\$5,700.00
Treasurer	\$250.00	\$1,063.67	\$813.67
STEM	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	-\$2,400.00
Book Sale	\$3,400.00	\$1,212.00	-\$2,188.00
Special Projects	\$450.00	\$551.02	\$101.02
Dues	\$5,460.00	\$3,971.50	-\$1,488.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$19,362.00</b>	<b>\$12,257.03</b>	<b>-\$7,104.97</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$19,362.00</b>	<b>\$10,714.05</b>	<b>-\$8,647.95</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$19,362.00</b>	<b>\$12,257.03</b>	<b>-\$7,104.97</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>-\$1,542.98</b>	<b>-\$1,542.98</b>

## *Women's History Month Celebration*

by Deanna Haddle (jdhadd1@gmail.com)

On March 25th, Johnstown Branch AAUW celebrated Women's History Month with a wonderfully entertaining and informative program, "Women in Science: Making a Difference". The program was presented by four members of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's Society of Women Engineers.



**UPJ Society of Women Engineers Members  
Liz Andrews, Morium Akter, Jen Kachmarchi, Prathyanka Nagasundaram**

Each student presented a summary of the lives and accomplishments of these women in science.

Hedy Lamar (Liz Andrews)  
The Harvard Computer (Morium Akter)  
Rachel Carson (Jen Kachmarchi)  
V.R. Lalithambika (Prathyanka Nagasundaram)

We want to thank these young ladies for their time and efforts and organizing such an enlightening program, while hard at work with their engineering studies.

And a big "Thank you!" to AAUW member and professor of mechanical engineering at UPJ, Amy Miller. Amy is the faculty mentor of the UPJ Society of Women Engineers and has been an integral part of all of the Johnstown Branch AAUW STEM Events.



**Amy Miller**

# Don't Forget!!!



Our May Luncheon meeting will be held **at 6:00 PM on May 20, 2019 at Jake's in the Galleria Mall.**  
**(This is changed from what is printed in yearbook.)**

This is an important meeting at which officers are elected and members names are drawn to win a free 2019-2020 membership.  
See you there!

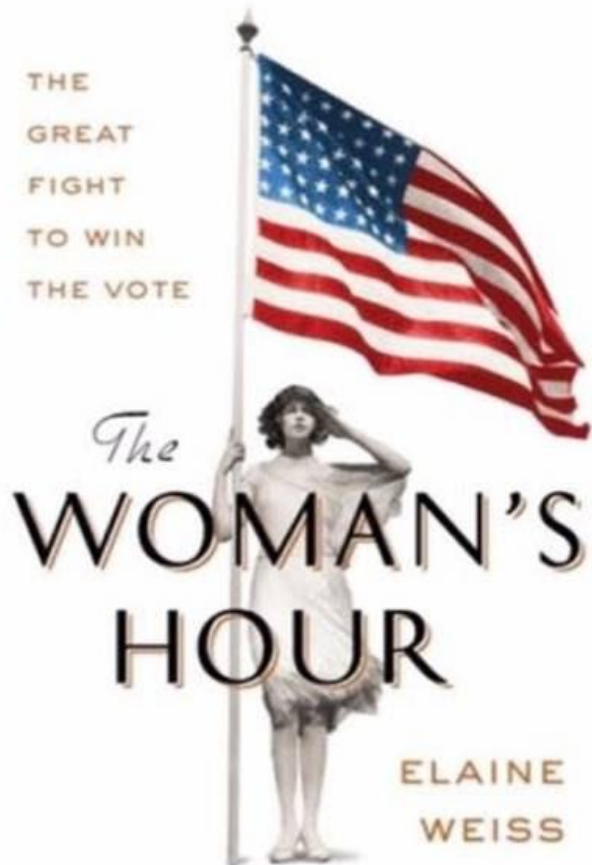
## It's time to mobilize and mark your calendars!

While it may be January 2019, April 2020 is just around the corner and it will be time for our AAUW PA State Convention. So you need to mark your calendars for **April 24-26, 2020** at the Best Western Premier **The Central Hotel and Conference Center** in **Harrisburg.**

Since it's 2020, our Convention theme will be...



The Main Speaker will be...



## BOOKS AT THE BOULEVARD

by Billie Zahurak (billiegirl20@hotmail.com)



AAUW's evening reading group, Books at the Boulevard, continues with lively and fun discussion on a variety of books and genres as picked by members.

**As a reminder, the Books at the Boulevard group meets the second Thursday of each month (with some exceptions) at 6:00 p.m. at the Boulevard Grille located on Southmont Boulevard.**

We've been enjoying a growing number of members and we certainly welcome anyone who is interested in joining us! Our books and schedule have been determined through September 2018. June will be an off month to accommodate volunteering for the AAUW Book Sale. We run our meetings very informally and the person who chooses a book usually leads the discussion with their own notes or a printout version of a reader's guide (most oftentimes found on-line).

### Upcoming books are as follows:

#### May 9

*The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah chosen by Shellby Custer

In this unforgettable portrait of human frailty and resilience, Kristin Hannah reveals the indomitable character of the modern American pioneer and the spirit of a vanishing Alaska—a place of incomparable beauty and danger. *The Great Alone* is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night story about love and loss, the fight for survival, and the wildness that lives in both man and nature.

#### June – summer break and AAUW Book Sale

#### July 11

*The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris chosen by Jodi Noon

A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful re-creation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.

**August 8** – *A Knight in Tarnished Armor* by P. J. Lambert chosen by Billie Zahurak. Author Pam Lambert will be joining our group for discussion. *Knight in Tarnished Armor* is an honest, real life, inspiring account of one woman's victorious escape from heartbreaking betrayal and out of the grip of her abusive husband. Included also is encouragement, guidance and a safety plan with a checklist of things to do if you think you may have to flee an abusive relationship.

**September 12** – *Dead Letters* by Caite Dolan-Leach chosen by Claire Montoya.

Featuring a colorful, raucous cast of characters, Caite Dolan-Leach's debut thriller takes readers on a literary scavenger hunt for clues concealed throughout the seemingly idyllic wine country, hidden in plain sight on social media, and buried at the heart of one tremendously dysfunctional, utterly unforgettable family

Please consider joining our group. E-mail Billie Zahurak at billiegirl20@hotmail.com if you plan on attending so we can include you in our reservations. Feel free to visit even if you didn't read the book, as well, just to check it out.

Hope to see you at Books at the Boulevard soon!



by Georgia Yeager (gayeager@gmail.com)

We are winding down our membership year, but we are still accepting members at the Shape the Future rate of \$40.50. Our final membership event will be recruiting at the Civil War presentation at the Discovery Center on April 29 at 7:00 pm.

Remember that we have changed our calendar for recruiting, and we will not have a meet and greet in the fall. All future recruiting will be done in the spring although prospective members may join at any time.

If you know someone who would like to be a member, bring her to the Discovery Center or send her name and email address to Georgia Yeager at [gayeager@gmail.com](mailto:gayeager@gmail.com). All new member dues must be paid by May 15 by check made out to AAUW Johnstown Branch and mailed to Georgia Yeager at 1022 Haverford Street, Johnstown, PA 15905.

AAUW members who are renewing their membership can do so by sending a check for \$70 to Georgia. Member dues must be paid by June 30. Since we will not recruit in the fall, the AAUW branch directory will be published this summer. Please make sure you pay your dues on time so that your information is included in the directory.

## Gift Cards Needed

by Deanna Haddle (jdhadd1@gmail.com)

The Fundraising committee is planning a bigger and better Trivia Event in September (12th or 19th). We give \$50 worth of gift card as prizes to two teams (School team and public team). If there are 8 persons on a team that means a payout of \$800. I was able to get Sheetz to donate \$320 in gift cards, which still leaves \$480 to be raised.

Thank you to members: Diane Lopez, Ann Furlong, Florence Warfel and Eloise Romano who have either donated gift cards or received them from a business.

If am attaching a copy of the letter and receipt than can be used to ask businesses to donate \$10, \$20 or \$25 gift cards/certificates.

If you have any questions, call me at 659-1682.



by Paula Tomko  
(paula.tomko@gmail.com)

## TITLE IX

On Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Georgia Yeager, Laryssa Duncan, and Paula Tomko attended the AAUW Western District Meeting at the Radisson in Clarion, PA. The meeting was hosted by AAUW PA Western District Chair, Barb Zaborowski.

The seminar included a discussion on Title IX led by Clarion University's Title IX Coordinator. We learned that Title IX is being gutted and protections for students who have been sexually assaulted or sexually harassed are being changed.

Here is what we know about the rule change so far and how colleges and universities are expected to comply: "DeVos's proposed rule redefines sexual harassment as conduct that is both "severe and pervasive." This is a shift from Obama-era guidance that defined sexual harassment as "unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature" that includes "requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature."

The proposed rule mandates that Title IX investigations include live hearings with cross-examinations, a practice that was discouraged under the Obama administration. The rule will also make all evidence in investigative proceedings available to both parties and eliminate restrictions on parties' rights to speak about allegations.

The new rule further requires Title IX coordinators to file formal complaints any time there are multiple complaints against one individual, regardless of whether alleged victims want to pursue a formal investigation."  
(<https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2019/2/27/title-ix-explainer/>)

The Department of Education received over 100,000 comments during the public comment period, which is unprecedented. It will take approximating six months to a year to compile this data and for the new rules to be enacted.