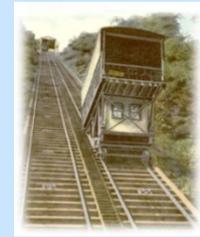


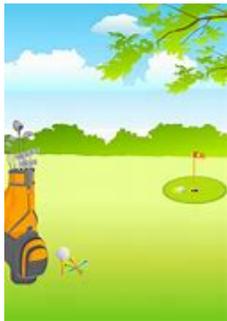


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## AAUW **Golf Outing ...Success!!**

On July 12, 2021 we held our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing. It was a great success due to Shellby Custer, Windber Country Club pro, Colby Custer and a motivated group of AAUW members.

We want to thank all our sponsors. **Remember to support these businesses and organizations, as they have provided the means to provide our scholarships to local high school seniors!!**

### Bronze Sponsors \$500 Donation



### Hole Sponsors \$100 Donation

- LD Custer Realty & Associates .
- McCoy Wealth Management Group
- Joyce Murtha Breast Cancer Center
- RE/Max Real Estate Bill & Sue Lease
- RNDT, Inc
- Shaffer Tree Service, LLC
- SHEETZ
- Silverman, Tokarsky & Foreman, LLC
- Spangler Subaru
- Sign Language Specialist Western PA
- 1<sup>st</sup> Summit Bank
- State Farm Donna Christopher
- Tony's Subs
- In memory of Larry Tweed
- Vantage Physical Therapy & Rehab
- Western PA Sports Medicine
- Whalley Charitable Trust
- Windber OBGYN Associates
- Zeus Golf Group

### Hole Sponsors \$100 Donation

- Brant's Driving School
- Brett Insurance Agency
- Classic Elements
- GAP Federal Credit Union
- GJCTC
- Heart Springs Consulting
- Hershberger Insurance Agency
- Homewatch Caregivers
- Joe Kanuch Excavating
- Dennis & Lori Hutchison



# Golf Outing ...Success!!

**MEMBERS..** Please support the following golf courses, companies and businesses that provided foursomes, gift card, gift baskets and monetary Donations.

### Foursome Donations

Champion Lakes  
 Ebensburg Country Club  
 Northwinds Golf Course  
 Oakbrook Golf Course  
 Somerset Country Club  
 Summit Country Club  
 Windber Country Club  
 Windber Country Club with cart

### Foursome Sponsors

Brandt Driving School  
 Heart Spring Consulting LLC  
 Muir-Hershberger Insurance  
 RNDT, Inc.  
 State Farm Ins. –Stacie Hickman  
 Whalley Charitable Trust

### Gifts/Gift Cards/Baskets

Alpine Beverage Mart  
 Applebees  
 Balance Restaurant  
 The Boulevard Grill  
 Dick's Sporting Goods  
 Eat N' Park  
 Follow Charley Car Wash  
 Hershberger Insurance Agency  
 LD Custer Realty & Associates P.C.  
 M&M Hair Design  
 McAneny Brothers, Inc  
 RNDT  
 Salon Visions  
 Salvatore Hairstyles  
 Spangler Subaru  
 Sportsman's Outfitters  
 Studio 56 Hair Salon  
 Symon's Car Wash  
 Windber Country Club  
 Florence Warfel  
 Georgia Yeager

### Monetary Donors

Ann Fattman  
 Claire Montoya  
 Linda Shrader  
 Eileen Tweed  
 Florence Warfel



A Special "Thank You" to our host, The Windber Country Club

### Donations for Liquor Basket

Shellby Custer  
 Ann Furlong  
 Pat Grzybicki  
 Deanna Haddle  
 Kathy Howanek  
 Claire Montoya  
 Eloise Romano  
 Kenna Raymond



AAUW – Pat Grzybicki, Mary Kay Milaavec, Madeline Gyure, Shellby Custer, Kathy Howanek



Emily Milazzo, Samantha Formeck, Sharon Delic, Johanna Delic



## Memership Corner

by Shellby Custer ([shellbyc@aol.com](mailto:shellbyc@aol.com))

Welcome to our newest members: Kristie Murray and Marianne Spampinato!!

Please look for the new member profiles for information about our newest members. The Membership Directory will be coming your way soon. Please watch your mailbox for this.

A membership committee meeting will be held in late August/early September to organize a Fall Meet and Greet for potential members. Anyone interested in being on the Membership Committee or wanting to help with the Meet and Greet, please contact me. Also, if you know of any potential members please forward their information or have them contact me or members of the committee.

Additionally, anyone wishing to be on the Calling Committee is asked to please contact me. We need members to contact others of upcoming events or issues. You can reach me at (814)242-1125 via phone or text, or [shellbyc@aol.com](mailto:shellbyc@aol.com).

Enjoy the rest of the summer!



## Branch Update

by Kathy Howanek ([khowanek@hotmail.com](mailto:khowanek@hotmail.com))

As the unusual remains the usual, the Johnstown Branch had an uncharacteristically busy summer, featuring two fundraisers and a picnic! July featured our first AAUW Golf Outing fundraiser. We learned a lot and raised over \$7,000 to support our scholarships and educational programs. Reviews from our golfers were positive and as you read on the opening pages of the newsletter, support from the business community was outstanding. Having had a first successful outing, we are hoping to apply what we have learned to plan another golf outing in 2022.

As a celebration and a break between fundraisers, over 20 members enjoyed a picnic at the Solomon Run picnic grove. As usual, the food and the company were great, and we had a chance to get together in person to present our branch awards.

Then back to work in August, as a very dedicated crew of members worked our 63<sup>rd</sup> Branch Book Sale. Held once again at the Galleria, we grossed over \$9,000 and the appreciation of our customers, many of whom thanked us for coming back after last year's forced cancellation. As fulfilling and successful a fundraiser as the book sale is, the problem of disposing of leftover books is a serious concern. Several options to donate or recycle were explored but were unfeasible. We were lucky enough, at the last minute, to find someone to take the books or we were facing a \$600 bill to dispose of them. If anyone has any information, thoughts or even crazy ideas, I would certainly appreciate hearing them.

Some committees met over the summer and the others will be meeting soon. If you want to join a particular committee, or if you are a new member and have questions, please contact the committee chair or Georgia or Kathy.

Here's looking forward to a successful 2021-22 year!



## Program Committee

By Doris Leidy  
([dorisleidy19@gmail.com](mailto:dorisleidy19@gmail.com))

Although the September Business Meeting will be held in person (Place and Time TBA), the Committee met and decided it would be in our best interest to continue our Program meetings in October and

November on ZOOM since the Delta Virus is on the rise. We will revisit this issue in January 2022. Hopefully, we will be able to resume our in-person program meetings in 2022 when we can enjoy being together, talking freely among ourselves as we enjoy refreshments after our meetings. Keep your fingers crossed!

The Committee has interesting programs lined up for 2021-2022. All the information will be listed in our Membership Booklet. Please read yours when you receive it in September because there may be some changes in dates and times to accommodate speakers.

### Picnic Fun



AAUW members are enjoying the July 20<sup>th</sup> picnic at Solomon Run Fire Hall Pavilion.

Good food.  
Wonderful conversation.  
Great friends



**Sandyvale 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Festival**  
September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
Photo ID required  
Ticket information at  
[Sandyvale Memorial Gardens and Conservancy Johnstown, PA](#)

## WE DID IT!



By Ann Furlong :  
([akfurlong@verizon.net](mailto:akfurlong@verizon.net))

Covid-19 could not stop us. The Delta Variant did not discourage us. The August heat and humidity failed to touch us.

We had a successful Used Book Sale. And that is thanks to all of you. You who lugged books to the Galleria from our collection boxes. You who sorted and packed those books. You who then had to unpack all of those boxes and set up for the sale. You who attended the sale and helped customers, packed bags, took money, answered questions and thanked people for supporting us. If ever there was an example of a group effort this was it. Again, thank you, all.

We made enough profit to cover our three regular scholarships, start the fund for our Minority Scholars scholarship through the Community Foundation, and cover any expenses associated with the sale.

We all worked hard this summer with a Golf Outing and a Book Sale. But it was worth it. AAUW Johnstown Branch can continue to support our mission in this community.



## Gateway to Equity Award

by Kathy Howanek ([khowanek@hotmail.com](mailto:khowanek@hotmail.com))

The AAUW Gateway to Equity Award honors an individual, group or organization that has shown by action and philosophy the promotion of the AAUW mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

For the 2020-2021 year, the Johnstown Branch wanted to recognize special efforts to serve those in the community most adversely impacted by the pandemic. Therefore: "For assisting students with virtual education during the pandemic," **AAUW Johnstown Branch presents Oscar Cashaw and the Flood City Youth Fitness Academy it's 2020-21 Gateway to Equity Award.**

The certificate did not have enough room though to recognize all that Oscar has done to positively impact the lives of many in our community. He is someone who sees a need in the community and acts to become part of the solution. In 2001, Oscar opened his gym, Fitness Weight and Aerobics (FWA), with the mission of specializing in women's fitness, thereby earning it the unofficial name: Females With Attitude. Over the years, the needs of the community shifted toward youth programs and FWA responded with a variety of day and evening programming. The Flood City Youth Fitness Academy, located at FWA, is a place where students have a safe space for fun, fitness, music and learning. It provides a Safe Haven After-School Program, and the Virtual Learning Center is a Greater Johnstown School District Approved Hotspot. The nutrition program provides free meals to students.

When Johnstown AAUW began sponsoring STEM events for middle school girls, Oscar offered his facility and assistance. He was even able to find space for us to temporarily house our book sale inventory when a former location suddenly became unavailable.

20 years of service to the Johnstown area more than qualifies Oscar Cashaw to be an award recipient.

## "Meet a New Member... Marianne Spampinato

Marianne Spampinato was employed as communications director for American Red Cross Blood Services, Greater Alleghenies Region, for nearly 34 years. She currently is a freelance correspondent for **Our Town**, a publication of *The Daily American*.

She obtained a B.A. in Journalism at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and a Master's in Leadership and Liberal Studies from Duquesne University.

She is the author of the humorous memoir ***Listen to Your Mother: Recollections of a Baby Boomer with a Wonderfully Wise Mother*** and the children's book ***Betsy the Rescue Dog***.

She enjoys reading, painting, chalking and music.

A big "Shout Out" to Marianne for her Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> *Our Town* articles about our AAUW Equity Award and our Book Sale





*Thursday Thursday*

by Deanna Haddle ([jdhadd1@gmail.com](mailto:jdhadd1@gmail.com))

We will be having a very special “Thirsty Thursday” on **Sept.16<sup>th</sup> (note the date change) at The Balance Restaurant on Main Street.**

Professional bartender, Pat Riley, is connecting a unique “Suffragette Mocktail” for AAUW. This is a non-alcoholic beverage, but he is willing to add a “shot of vodka, etc.)

For every Suffragette Mocktail sold during the month of September, \$1 will be donated to Johnstown Branch AAUW.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Enjoy socializing with AAUW members and check out our signature mocktail.

RSVP to Deanna by Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> by email or phone (814-659-1582) , so I can let The Balance know how many to expect.

**AAUW Funds**  
([akfurlong@verizon.net](mailto:akfurlong@verizon.net))

AAUW Funds reports that AAUW Johnstown Branch plus individuals from our Branch contributed \$385 to the funds in the last quarter.

That is wonderful. Keep up the good work, people. Continue to remember AAUW when you are choosing organizations to support. AAUW National organization gives many scholarships as well as supporting legal advocacy for women being mistreated in the workplace. AAUW committees also work with members of congress to help pass legislation that is related to our mission.

Remember then, that when you give to AAUW you are helping "To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."

**Thank you!**

I cannot thank you all enough for your kind words, thoughts, and generosity during the tragic loss of my nephew, Lucas Hayman.

Thank you to those who sent cards, emails, donations, and positive thoughts during this time. Thank you for your patience as I grieve this loss. Words cannot express the loss that my family is experiencing at this time, but your continued support has been deeply appreciated.



Shellby Custer



**Awards Presented at AAUW Picnic**

**Ann Furlong, Member Making a Difference Award;  
Pat Gryzbicki, Named Gift Award  
Kathy Howanek, Outstanding Woman Award  
Nancy Miller, Named Gift Award**



We will be starting our year with a business meeting on **September 27, 2021. Place and time TBA.**

It will be great to see each other and work together to empower Johnstown AAUW.

Because many committees are just meeting, more about programs, activities etc. will be announced via the yearbook or email.

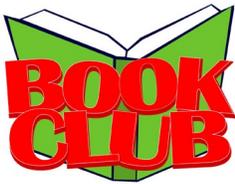


Although we don't have a standing "fund-raising committee" we have had two successful events through strong team effort. Another idea has emerged that might be more like "fun-raising"

It has been suggested that if members donate gently worn jewelry, the branch would provide uniformly sized boxes and we would sell said jewelry at the Christmas Market to be held at the Galleria, November 5th and 6th. The charge would be \$5.00 per box. The woman organizing the event said that since we are a non-profit, there will be no charge for our table.

What is needed at this point is maybe two friends/members to co-ordinate this effort. It would mean collecting and boxing the jewelry. Other members can volunteer to do the boxing and work a shift at the Christmas Market. This is how we make new friends, while working towards AAUW goals. We could also have some of our Christmas books for sale and have membership information available. This is another great opportunity to get our name out there.

Please contact Kathy Howanek if you are interested. [khowanek@hotmail.com](mailto:khowanek@hotmail.com), 814-659-2928



## Books at the Boulevard

By Shellby Custer ([shellbyc@aol.com](mailto:shellbyc@aol.com))

Books at the Boulevard continues to meet in person at the Boulevard Grill. We have been enjoying good books, good food, and great company! Each book has offered interesting discussion and insights.

We hope to continue this trend, and will meet at the Boulevard Grill the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm. Anyone wishing to attend/join us please let me or Pat Gryzbicki ([dsap@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dsap@atlanticbb.net)) know so that we can add you to our reservation.

Here are the upcoming books:

**September:** *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett (lead by Georgia Yeager/the group)

**October:** *Full Throttle* by Joe Hill (lead by TBD)

**November:** *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel (lead by Anna Anntemann)

**December:** book to be chosen, likely a Christmas/Holiday theme)

Again, anyone wishing to attend, please let us know so that we can make the proper reservation at the restaurant. Hope to see you there!!

# AAUW T-Shirts

by Kathy Howanek ([khowanek@hotmail.com](mailto:khowanek@hotmail.com))

If you missed the last order for branch t-shirts, don't despair! Madeline Gyure has begun another order and has four members on the list so far.

Out of consideration for the supplier, Madeline will place the order once she has 10 requests. There are v-neck and crew neck styles in cotton or cotton blend. The shirts are a very pretty shade of blue with the AAUW logo on the upper left side. Please text or call Madeline at 814-244-9416 to place your order.

## Welcome New Members!

By Shellby Custer ([shellbyc@aol.com](mailto:shellbyc@aol.com))

Welcome to our new members!

Let us get to "know you"!

Please submit a brief (2-3 paragraph) biography to introduce yourself to our members. Just a brief who you are will be fine; education, interests, etc.

Photographs are also welcomed.

Note Marianne Spampinato's entry on page 5 of this newsletter.



## Tuesday Book Club

The AAUW Tuesday Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. *40 Patchtown* by Damian Dressick will be discussed. Anne Fattman will be the hostess and Doris Leidy will lead the discussion

*The Residence* by Kate Anderson Brower will be the topic of the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Margaret Barron will be the hostess and the discussion leader will be Anne Fattman.

Any member is welcome to attend! Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.



Welcome Fall!